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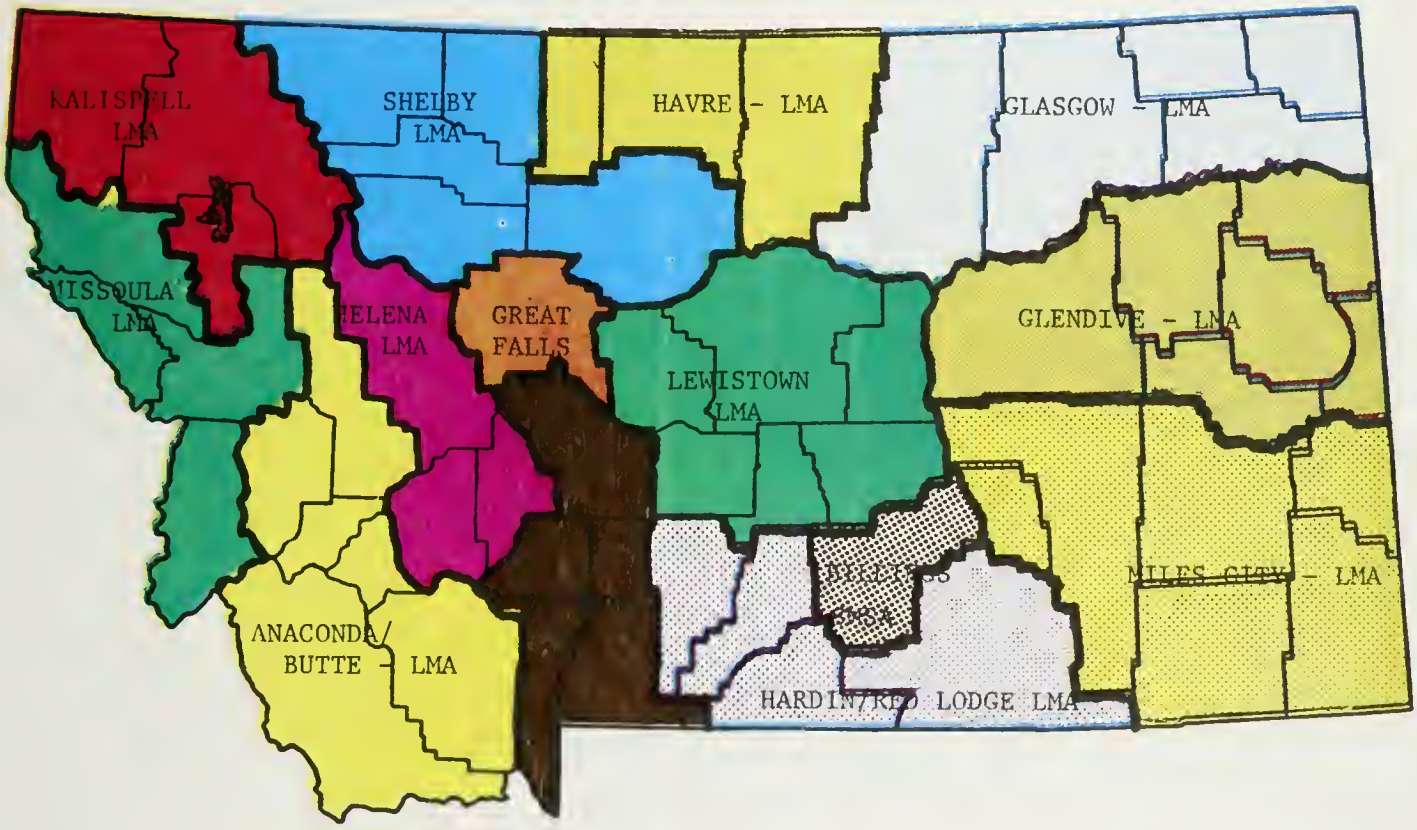

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

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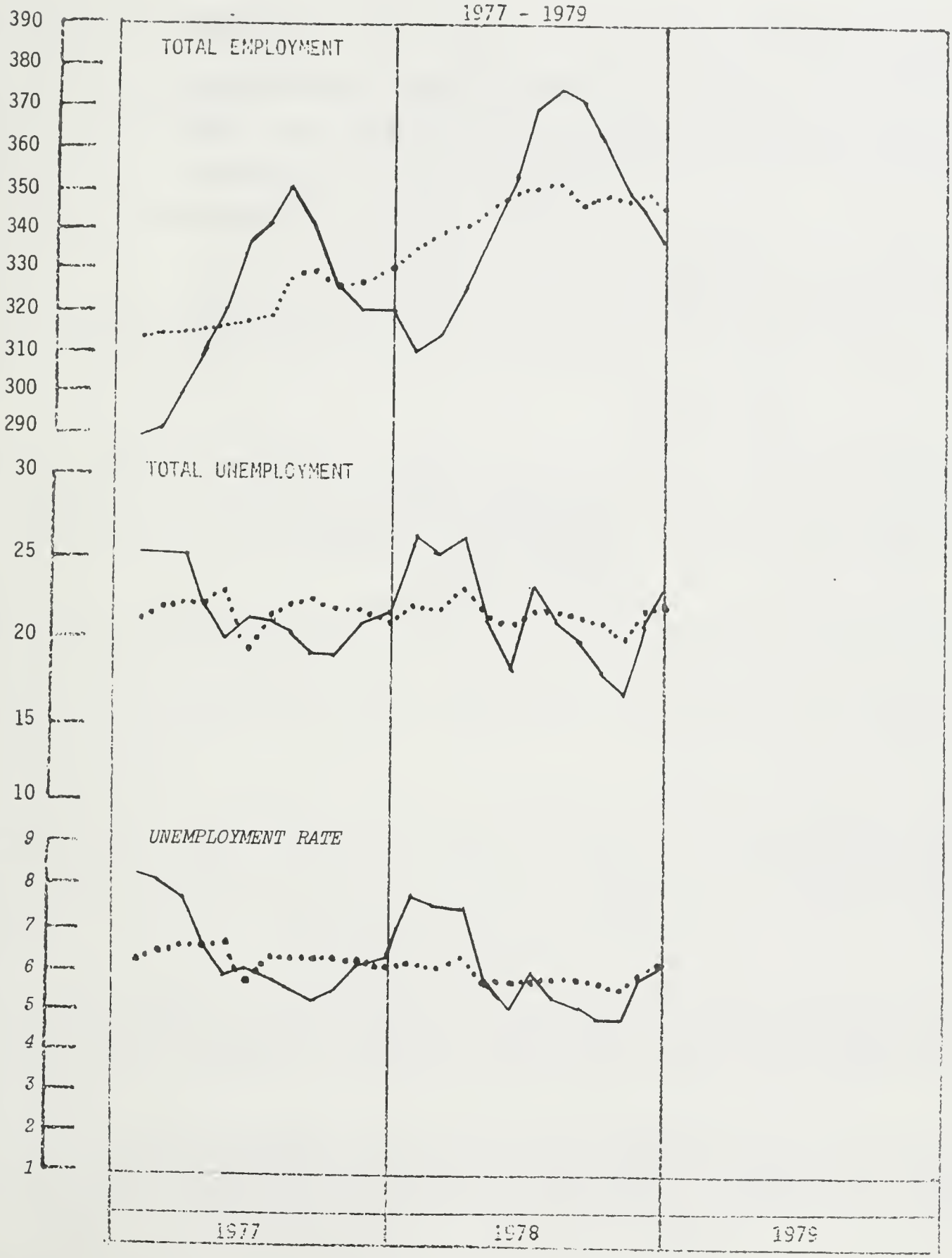

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* STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS *

The civilian labor force took a seasonal dip in January and is now calculated to include 356,700 individuals. This figure is a 5.3% increase over the similar number recorded for January of 1978, but is down from the December level of 361,200. Employment shows an even better 5.9% gain over last year's January total and now tallies 330,400 workers. The number of employed has dropped, of course, following the holiday season reached in December.

Jobless persons now number 26,300, a jump of 3,200 in the past month, but they totaled 300 less than last January's figure. The unemployment rate jumped from 6.4% to 7.4% during the month, a rate which is still below the 7.8% established a year ago. The declines noted in these labor force statistics are seasonal occurrences and more credence should be given to the continued growth in the labor force and employment over the past twelve months.

Cold weather continued to be the dominant factor in the Montana economy during the past month, although some moderation was noted for brief periods. Construction shutdowns were noted in almost all areas with unemployment claims running high for this industry. Feeding operations are the main agricultural activity as the fields are still snow covered, with some calving and lambing commencing. The recreation industries have regained most of their trade as the weather warmed enough for skiers to return to the slopes. Expansion has occurred at some of the major ski areas this year and more is in the planning stages.

The copper industry has been in the news recently in relation to rising prices, temporary shutdown, and proposed expansion. The price increases in the commodity national markets has not yet had much effect on any local operations, but could if the prices hold up. In a negative note, a smelting facility at Anaconda will be shutdown for the month of April due to a lack of concentrates. Reports indicate that these supply problems should be solved by next year and production may increase rapidly then. Announcements were also made of a $34 million expansion of a continuous rod casting plant at Great Falls pending approval by a corporate board.

A transcontinental oil pipeline firm has held informational meetings in Montana in recent weeks. Although the project has yet to receive any permits, the spokesman expect construction to begin by August of 1979 and continue for 22 months. The line would move Alaskan oil from a Washington port facility to refineries in Montana, the Dakotas, and Minnesota with construction cost estimated at $1.2 billion. Besides creating a temporary construction job market, the line will insure the continued operation of Montana's refineries now dependent on Canadian oil scheduled to be cut off in the 1980's.

The legislative session is continuing with several bills affecting the economy being debated. Tax cuts and reduced government spending are on the agenda as they are nationwide. In a related development, a labor dispute involving state workers at three institutions is in progress with the National Guard performing vital duties in their absence. Several environmental issues are under discussion with ramifications for the energy related industries especially.

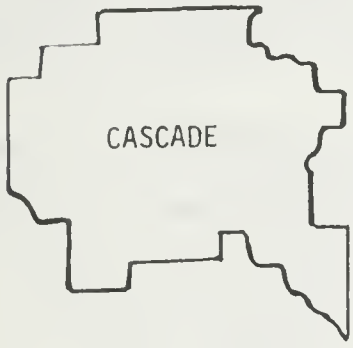
A series of seminars throughout the state has predicted moderate growth for the state's economy in 1979. A 3% growth is indicated for both personal income and earnings, adjusted for inflation. Growth may slow in the western area dependent on lumber and wood products, but should continue strong in the localities affected by oil, gas, and coal development.

STATEWIDE (Cont.)

The speakers did say that any national recession will have an effect on Montana, but such effects may be milder here than nationwide.

The December figures for the composite index of leading indicators and the real spendable wage rebounded from the dip suffered in November. The real spendable calculation continues to suffer from the high inflation rate. The composite shows, as other indicators do, a pattern of slow steady growth for Montana but has not shown a stable enough trend to be of any predictive value. The midwinter lull in the Montana economy continues, but should soon show signs of increasing activity.

GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County)



Employment and Unemployment Situation:

The civilian labor force in January showed 35,000 persons working or unemployed. This represented a decrease of 600 from the previous month, but an increase of 1,800 for the same month one year ago. The number of unemployed dramatically decreased from the previous month, when the number of employed totaled 32,800, employment fell to 32,000. This compared favorably to last year when employment totaled 30,400.

Moderate increases in the number of unemployed were noted. In November 2,700 persons were without jobs, and in December 2,800 persons were without jobs. January's unemployed number of 3,000 compared to 2,800 one year ago. The unemployment rate for January was 8.5%. This compared to 7.4% in November, 7.9% in December, and 8.3% one year ago.

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Construction activities, slowed by recent inclement weather, are picking up in the SMSA. Currently in process is the construction of a 29,000 square foot lumber warehouse, new retail grocery store, and publishing center. Plans are in the final stage for a 36,000 square foot office/warehouse complex. Work is expected to begin as soon as the weather breaks.

The demand for agricultural workers in increasing in the area as calving operations begin. Some hiring has started for spring and summer farmhands. Feeding operations for cattle still continue in the area.

Retail and service related jobs are picking up to meet consumer activity. The trade sector has been most active.

Activity at an SMSA manufacturing plant has been stable. No layoffs are anticipated as selected rehires have occurred. During the period six layoffs were reported while 13 rehires occurred.

Completion of missile silo reinforcement will cause the layoff of several workers in the area. Many of the workers should find jobs in the area as a new construction season starts.

BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)

Employment and Unemployment Situation:

The unemployment rate for the SMSA is at 5.7% for January. The 6.1% jobless rate one year ago gives a favorable light to the current percentage. December's unemployment rate of 4.9% compared closely with November's 4.8%. The number of unemployed is 3,000 for January, a gain of 300 from December and 400 from November. Last year there were 3,100 job-seekers.

January's civilian labor force of 53,500 is 2,400 above last year's count. The 4.7% growth of the labor force, coupled with a decrease in the unemployment rate, indicates economic gains. The labor force in November was 55,200 and in December numbered 54,400 persons. Employment for January equaled 50,500. Last year there were 48,000 workers. The current employment count is 1,200 below December and 2,100 less than November's figure. Although seasonal and weather related factors have caused employment numbers to decrease during the recent months, a comparison with last year's figures shows stable growth. The growth is a result of the diverse industry base.

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

The Billings retail sector was active during the reporting period. Four retail and wholesale grocery outlets closed for various reasons leaving 52 persons without work. Other closures left approximately 30 individuals jobless. The employment losses were balanced by five new businesses opening and hiring about 86 people, service and retail were the sectors involved.

Construction has been halted by winter conditions, but planned projects are optimistic. At the present time a $2 million medical/dental facility, a $673,350 upgrade and expansion of the sewage treatment plant, a $225,000 office building in Laurel, and a residential development of 250 acres are in the planning stages.

The figures on January's building permits were released. The month's total was $1,009,080, a decrease of $239,491 from last January. The drop in valuation is due mainly to more harsh winter conditions faced during the current month. The total value of construction permits issued for 1978 amounted to $63,836,416.

The expected opening of a coal mine near Decker promises economic benefit. The corporation plans to hire about 400 workers within the next 18 months. Operations are scheduled to begin in 1980. The local packing company still has not been able to obtain supplies for full operations. Other manufacturing firms seem to be operating at normal levels.

ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

Employment and Unemployment Situation:

The civilian labor force for the LMA numbers 34,600 in January, a 3.9% increase over January of 1978. (This figure is lower than December's similar count, a recurrent midwinter fluctuation.) Employment has grown by an even greater 4.9% over the past year and is now at 32,000. The employment level also dropped from December's, but this is a normal post-holiday occurrence.

The jobless rate for the Anaconda-Butte LMA is now 7.5% a substantial improvement over last January's 8.5% rate, but a seasonal jump from November's 6.6% and December's 6.9%. The number of unemployed is 200 lower than last January at a 2,600 statistic. The figures are good indicators of the better condition of the LMA economy, with higher employment and lower unemployment mixed with an increasing labor force.

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

The non-ferrous metal industries continue to be affected by price and supply changes. Nationally, the price of copper has increased sharply, but little impact has been felt yet at the local level. An announcement was made that the smelting facility at Anaconda will close down for the month of April due to a lack of concentrates. About 850 employees are involved, but 200 will stay employed on maintenance duties during the shutdown. Stable employment levels are predicted for the mining portion of the industry in Butte. The supply of concentrates should increase by next year when a new out-of-state mine opens, alleviating the supply problem at the Anaconda smelter, according to reports from the area.

The Dillon area economy is in its normal midwinter lull, as outside work is limited by the inclement weather. Some inside work is continuing on a bank remodeling project and an accountant's office, and the foundation has been laid for a new restaurant. Agricultural activity consists mostly of feeding and hay hauling, although calving and lambing have begun on some ranches.

Reports from Butte note the discussions on the renovation of the uptown area. The current topic appears to be parking and how to develop it. Two major firms are in the midst of substantial office remodeling projects valued at $1 million and $700,000 respectively. A new franchise restaurant is scheduled to open in March employing 20 and a home factory employing 40-50 may possibly locate in Butte. The $37 million dollar MHD plant is about two-thirds complete with a September 1980 target test date. The facility has an $11 million operating budget for 1979-1980. In addition to the forementioned closure of a smelter in April, the Anaconda area has already been affected by a labor dispute at two nearby state institutions. The dispute shows no signs of settlement soon, and the National Guardsmen are performing vital duties at the facilities.

BOZEMAN LMA

Employment and Unemployment Situation:

Employment for the LMA measured 24,300 in January. This is a decline of 600 employed individuals from the preceding month. This year's January employment compares to 22,700 for the same month last year, which is 1,600 greater than last year. The civilian labor force experienced a similar increase from January 1978 to January 1979, from 24,300 to 26,000 for a gain of 1,700. In comparison to December 1978, the civilian labor force declined by 400 persons in January. Declines in both the number of individuals in the civilian labor force and the number of employed are typical for this time of year.

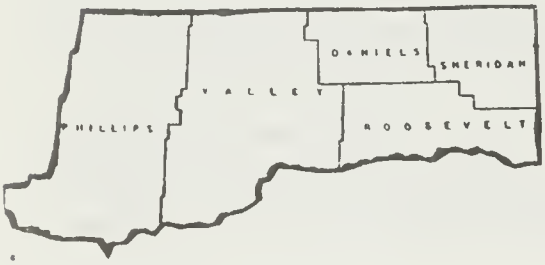
Unemployment in the LMA was measured at 1,700 individuals in January. This is an increase of 200 in the number of unemployed from the previous month and 100 more than January 1978. January's unemployment rate of 6.4% compared to a December 1978 rate of 5.6% and a November 1978 rate of 4.8%, and this year's rate equaled the January 1978 rate.

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Much of the economic activity in the LMA has been controlled by persistent snowy and cold weather. An ease in the weather in mid-January permitted the start-up of some outdoor construction activities. Heavy snowfalls in the higher elevations have hampered logging operations with activity expected to pick-up with warmer weather.

Midwinter sales stimulated activities in the trade sector. The Bozeman Winter Fair stimulated both trade and service activities during the month. Ranch and farm jobs are on the increase with the onset of calving season. A local housing manufacturer was forced into laying off workers for one week due to a lack in materials.

GLASGOW LMA



Employment and Unemployment Situation:

Seasonal factors along with weather related conditions caused the civilian labor force to continue contracting. The January labor force was measured at 14,900 from 15,400 in December and 15,800 in November. One year ago there were 14,600 labor force members. Employment for January was counted at 14,100. December's job-holders were counted at 14,700, a decrease of 400 from November. The current figure is 4.4% higher than last January's count of 13,500.

The January unemployment rate was 5.5%, a considerable improvement from last year's 7.3%. December's jobless rate was 4.3% and November's was 4.4%. The amount of job-seekers changed very little during the last three months with 800 individuals in January and 700 in both November and December. Last year there were 1,100 persons unemployed.

GLASGOW LMA (Cont.)

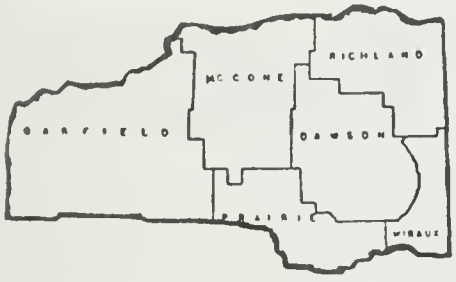
Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Employment throughout the industry groups appears to be in much better shape than last year. Many factors such as increased oil exploration, lower layoffs of seasonal retail workers, a good source of supplies for the processing plant, and government housing projects have kept economic activity at above normal levels.

New hiring has been slow, but the trend is expected to break when winter conditions let up. There were some calls for help with calving and work on a housing project as weather permits.

The coming spring is being met with favorable expectations as plans for several projects exist. Planned for the area is a bridge project valued at $91,500 - a 71 room chain motel - a two-story library valued at $230,000 - and a $1.3 million retirement center in Malta. Upgrading of communication service is also planned while work continues toward the opening of a large-scale processing plant. Conversion of the Glasgow air base into an industrial park has received much interest as its facilities can be adapted for industrial use.

GLENDIVE LMA



Employment and Unemployment Situation:

The jobless rate for this LMA continues to be the lowest in the state at its current 4.2% rate. This rate compares very favorably with last January's 5.7% rate even though it is higher than December's 3.6%. The number of unemployed has stabilized at 500 over the past two months, an improvement over the 700 noted in January of 1978.

The area's employment total is now at a 12,600 level a 5.0% increase over last year's similar figure, but a slight seasonal decline from December's 12,900. A 3.1% jump has occurred in the civilian labor force statistic to bring it to a 13,100 level. All of these labor force statistics indicate that the Glendive LMA economy is in extremely good shape at the current time.

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Oilfield activity continues at a high level especially since this is the normal low period for the industry. The demand for workers has been extremely high, as noted by the labor force statistics.

Adverse effects have sprouted from the demand for workers in oil, mostly manifested by a near crisis shortage of workers at the sugar beet factory in Sidney. The factory has had only 118 employees instead of the usual 160 to 180 at this point in the campaign, as the usual workers are being attracted by the higher wages paid in the oilfields. All hauling activities have been completed for the sugar beet crop.

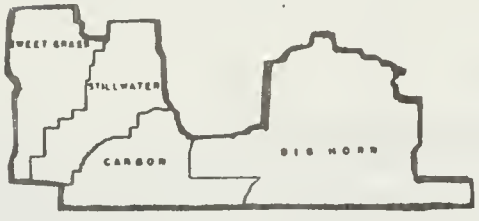
GLENDIVE LMA (Cont.)

Construction has been halted by the extreme cold and snow in most cases, but there have been some exceptions. Interior work and remodeling projects have continued throughout the period. A fast food franchise has been completed in Glendive and will soon open with a staff of about 30.

Retail activity is in the normal lull after the holiday season with little demand for new permanent help. Some temporary hires were noted for inventory clerks for various outlets.

Agriculture has also been slowed by the weather with hay hauling and feeding the predominant activities. Calving and lambing are now commencing in most of the area. There has been some demand for farmhands in the area, both single workers and farm/ranch couples.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA



Employment and Unemployment Situation:

The jobless rate for the area rose slightly in January and is now at 6.3%, but this figure is well below the 8.4% recorded in Janaury of 1978. The number of unemployed persons is now 700 compared to a 900 tally a year ago.

Similar improvements have occurred in the civilian labor force and employment statistics for January. The civilian labor force is at 11,700 a 7.3% increase over last January's figure, but a small seasonal decline from December's 12,200.

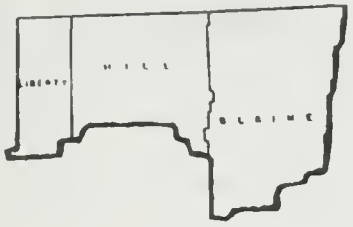
Employment is up by a substantial 10% over the figure recorded twelve months ago. Seasonal factors have caused this figure to drop in recent months from November's 11,800 to December's 11,400 to the current 11,000. The labor force statistics are good signs for the LMA economy with a growing labor force, increasing employment, and an unemployment rate well below last year's.

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

A major coal mine is planned near Decker with construction to commence soon. About 400 workers will be involved in the construction phases, with production to begin in 1980. This large mine is located very close to Wyoming so much of the economic impact will also affect Sheridan, Wyoming.

The weather continued to limit the agricultural activity throughout the area. Feeding operations were still underway and calving was about to begin. Legislative debates have centered on some of the environmental and energy issues crucial to the LMA. The coal tax is under discussion again, as is the siting act for energy facilities. The coal slurry pipeline controversy may erupt into an interstate conflict as Wyoming's legislature is contemplating the use of water from the upper Yellowstone River Basin for such a project.

HAVRE LMA



Employment and Unemployment Situation:

Both the civilian labor force and its employed portion show gains in January when compared to the similar figures for January of 1978. The civilian labor force is now at 12,000, a 3.4% increase over last January's level and a slight increase from the 11,900 recorded in December. Employment has stayed at a constant 11,200 for the past two months, but this is a 4.7% jump over last January's 10,700.

The jobless rate for the LMA rose to 7.0% in January, up from December's 6.0% and well above November's 4.8%. A comparison to last year's rate for January, however, shows some improvement as the jobless rate for that month was 7.4%. The number of unemployed persons is now 800, an increase over the 600 and 700 noted for the past two months.

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Exploration drilling for gas and oil has generally been shutdown due to the weather, but forecasts of increased activity continue. The recent changes in natural gas prices brought about by federal energy policy should promote much exploration in the future.

The development of Havre as an area trade center has been enhanced by the recent completion of two mall facilities there. A suburban shopping center is almost complete with 39 firms in business there, and plans for another building for a grocery and drug store have been announced. A downtown building has been remodeled into a mall with space for about 26 businesses now in operation there. The projects are posttive evidence of the expansion of the Havre trade area in the Hi-line region.

An industrial development committee and a non-profit development corporation are working to attract industry and construction projects to the area. A major effort at the present time is being expended toward attracting industry to an air defense facility that will soon close. Several public works projects are planned for various communities in the pending construction season, according to reports from the area.

A report from the major employer in the area denotes some of its contributions to the Havre economy. The transportation concern employs 291 in its shop facility, and lists 923 employees in the county. The annual payroll is approximately $15.2 million according to the report.

Some hiring has been occurring in retail and wholesale trade according to reports from the local job service. Agricultural activity continues to be mostly oriented toward feeding operations with limited employment opportunities at the present time.

HELENA LMA

Employment and Unemployment Situation:

Employment in the LMA totaled 25,500 in January. This was 200 less than the previous month and 600 more than one year ago. The civilian labor force was measured at 27,500. This was 400 more than the previous month and 800 more than January last year. Hiring for the legislative session accounted for civilian labor force increases as well as offsetting employment decreases caused by seasonal factors in the LMA.

Unemployment followed the civilian labor force trend. The number of unemployed in November of 1,700 and December of 1,600 compared to 2,000 in January. Last year's January figure was 1,800. Because of the civilian labor force increasing dramatically over the previous month, the unemployment rate showed a marked increase over the previous month. The January unemployment rate of 7.1% compared to 5.9% in December, 6.1% in November, and 6.6% one year ago.

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

The controversy involving the development of a Helena shopping center and the city's moratorium continued without a settlement at this time. Construction of a shopping center outside of the city limits was still planned to commence this spring.

A labor dispute involving 400 workers at the Boulder River School began February 5th. The strike between the state and the workers resulted when negotiations covering wages and benefits failed to meet worker demands. An immediate resolution of the dispute which affects two other state institutions, is not forecasted to occur.

Construction activities were limited to enclosed projects during the period. Breaks in the cold weather permitted some outdoor construction activity. The Legislature's meeting has caused shortages of qualified clerical and service workers. Shortages for workers possessing these skills are not expected to decline until the end of the session, which reached its midpoint February 23rd.

KALISPELL LMA

Employment and Unemployment Situation:

The civilian labor force for the area numbers 38,300, an 8.5% increase over last January's figure of 35,300. The figure is also up from the 37,700 recorded for the preceding two months. Employment shows an even better 9.2% gain over the past twelve months to a January 1979 level of 34,400. This employment figure is, however, a slight decline from December's 34,500, but this is a normal occurrence for the midwinter.

Unemployment is 100 above last year's January level at a 3,900 tally. This figure is a jump of 700 from December's 3,200 level. The increase in the number of unemployed is reflected in the 10.1% jobless rate for January, up considerably from December's 8.4% and November's 7.0%. These labor force statistics seem to show seasonal impacts inherent in the LMA's economy and should be judged with that in mind.

KALISPELL LMA (Cont.)

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Plans were announced for a $9 million shopping mall during the month, to be located south of Whitefish. The initial $5 million phase is planned to begin construction in late summer. About 30-35 shops will be included in this facility, while a later phase will include a 120 room motel and convention center.

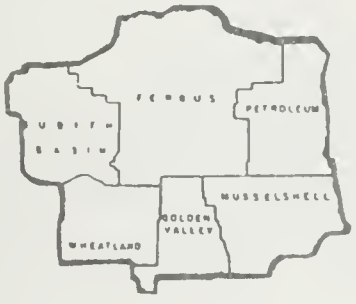
The Libby area has several large construction projects in various stages. Inside work is continuing on the courthouse addition with about 20 persons employed. The reregulating dam project is still shutdown by a court order. A $2.5 million green chain project is nearing completion at an area lumber and wood products concern.

Some shutdowns have hit the area in the past month due to economic conditions in various markets. A Eureka lumber mill has closed affecting approximately 60 individuals. A two week closure has occurred at a mining facility with about 150 unemployment insurance claims expected to be filed by those laid off. In a development of the opposite vein, no firm plans have been confirmed on a large mining and processing project to be located near Troy.

The Polson job market reports some openings in the retail and service industries for clerical help, waitresses, and professional jobs in the health care field. Sawmill activity in the locality is picking up as production returns to normal following the extremely cold weather. Agriculture has noted some calls for general ranch workers and milkers during the period.

The increased activity in Kalispell also appears to be mainly due to increases in lumber and wood products production. Loggers have returned to the woods and most small mills have resumed full operation. A large lumber and wood products manufacturer has added 20 employees.

LEWISTOWN LMA



Employment and Unemployment Situation:

January's unemployment count of 600 individuals was the same as last month's and 100 less for November. Last year the jobless numbered 800 persons, an improvement of 200 persons. The unemployment rate of 6.1% is higher than December's 5.7% and November's measure of 4.9%. One year ago the unemployment rate was 2.5% higher than the current figure at 8.6%.

The civilian labor force grew only slightly from last January's 9,600 persons to reach 9,800 individuals. The current statistic is 300 below December's and 700 lower than November's count. Employment, although 4.5% above last year's at 9,200 persons, is less than December's count of 9,500 and November's tally of 10,000 workers. The improvement of the employed numbers was not the only favorable statistic, the civilian labor force grew and the unemployment rate declined overall from last year.

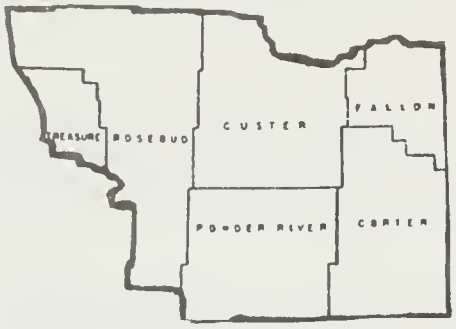
LEWISTOWN LMA (Cont.)

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Agriuclture was the most active sector, with many calls for calving helpers. The construction sector also had job calls as a break in weather allowed small contractors to work on projects.

One project completed was the retirement complex. The 35 apartment-styled units are all occupied as of the present. Plans for other projects were announced during the month. In Lewistown, a new fire station received top priority with consideration also going to the planned high school and retirement center. A two-story bank is one of the structures to be constructed by the commerical sector. No further plans exist as the military program for updating the missile silos has been completed.

MILES CITY LMA



Employment and Unemployment Situation:

The civilian labor force fell from 14,400 in December to 13,800 in January. Last year 13,400 persons were in the civilian labor force in January. Employment also experienced a similar decline. From December to January employment fell by 700 from 13,600 to 12,900 persons. A favorable comparison is made with last year's January employed figure of 12,400.

The number of unemployed experienced moderate increases since November. January's unemployed figure was only 100 more than December and 200 more than November. The unemployment rate this month of 6.4% compares to 5.6% last month, 4.8% from two months ago, and 7.4% last year in January. Much of the unemployment rate increase is brought about by the major decreases in the civilian labor force rather than large increases in the number of unemployed.

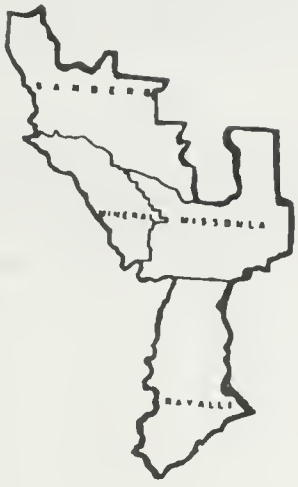
Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Residential construction in Miles City may be limited at this time due to an at full capacity sewer system. Plans are currently underway for the construction of a multi-purpose recreation facility at the community college. Nearly half of the money has been received through local donations needed to begin construction. The downtown mini-mall reports that a restaurant will be constructed in the basement area of the mall. Employment at the Ashland sawmill topped 100 since opening.

Cattle prices reached all-time highs setting records for the highest price ever paid for any class of cattle in Miles City. On January 23 prices on choice 300 to 600 pound steers brought $1.00 per pound and the next week brought $1.01 per pound.

Employment at this time will be limited as the winter weather has curtailed most outdoor work activities. Construction projects, already enclosed, will continue. Agricultural activities at this time are primarily centered around feeding and calving operations. Activities in other sectors are stable at this time. Youth employment opportunities should be good as recruitment for two youth conservation corps camps in the LMA will provide 43 job openings.

MISSOULA LMA



Employment and Unemployment Situation:

The unemployment rate for January is 8.9%, a change of .1% from last year. Unemployment was 7.5% in December and 6.3% in November. Jobless individuals numbered 4,500 for the current month, this figure is 400 more than one year ago. December unemployment equaled 3,800 persons. Job-seekers totaled 3,200 in November.

Employment numbers declined from 47,400 in November to reach 45,900 this January. December's count was at 46,400. The current statistic shows an improvement when compared with last year's tally of 42,300 workers. The civilian labor force gained 200 individuals from December and now has 50,400 members. The labor force was measured at 46,400 in January 1978 - this is 8.6% below the current level. Although the unemployment rate for January is very close to last year's, growth has occurred in both job-holders and those seeking employment.

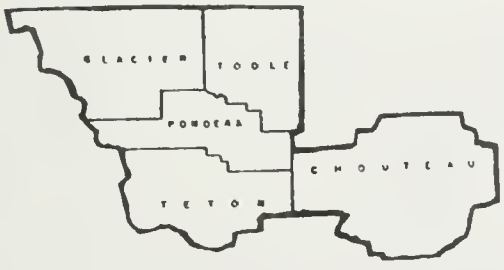
Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

The Missoula labor market area contained little economic activity as seasonal factors combined with harsh winter conditions persist. Logging and construction show normal slowdowns as work fluctuates directly with the weather. The relationship is evidenced by the low number of building permits issued in Missoula this January. Residential permits were down about half and listed a valuation decrease of $402,150. Commercial issues were only 3 less than the previous year, but showed a decrease in valuation of $228,250.

Construction work received a more optimistic note as the Missoula County Commissioners opened bids for the $1.6 million expansion and improvement of its airfield. Bids were also opened for equipment, contracting, and materials needed for highway projects.

Employment in manufacturing remained stable for the reporting period. A plastics manufacturer hired two for technical positions and was seeking two more experienced individuals. Very few calls for workers were reported during the month, but this will change as the winter conditions diminish.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA



Employment and Unemployment Situation:

Employment for the LMA fell during January to 14,800 from December's total of 15,300. The civilian labor force also declined from 16,400 in December to 16,100 in January. Last year's civilian labor force totaled 15,600 with 14,300 employed.

Unemployment for the LMA increased 200 over the 1,100 recorded for December. January's number of 1,300 was 7.8% of the civilian labor force. The unemployment rate moved upward from 6.3% in November and 7.0% in December and moved downward from the 8.5% recorded in January 1978. Increases occurring in the unemployment rate during this period reflected the seasonal nature of the LMA.

Economic Highlights and Employment Outlook:

Subzero temperatures have limited construction activities to indoor activities and have limited oilfield operations to those rigs equipped to operate in such temperatures. Some hiring activities have occurred in the trade sector to conduct annual inventory. The farm forum held in Cut Bank in early February boosted activities in the trade sector with nearly 5,000 people visiting the area.

At this time, weather controls employment opportunities for the area. Construction and oilfield operations are severely limited. Trade and services also await the warmer weather which brings about an increase in consumer activities. Agricultural employment demands continue for ranch hands to assist in calving. Feed operations for cattle continue with the possibility that feed shortages may occur later in the feeding season.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 1979

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	353	88	2461
CETA-CEP	89	27	249
CETA-INST.	30	17	245
CETA-OJT	32	15	73
JOB CORPS	90	25	436
PSE TITLE II	301	12	379
PSE TITLE VI	155	31	369
PSE TITLE VI-A	56	22	272
CETA - AWE	55	24	112
STIP	0	1	19
HIRE II	18	22	80

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	JANUARY 1979	*Percent Change From:* DECEMBER 1978	JANUARY 1978
All Items	204.7	*.9*	*9.4*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

JANUARY 1979

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*11.5%*
Female	*23.7%*
Youth	*7.8%*
Over 45	*20.9%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ Montana	Percent 1/ U. S.	
1977								
January	315.8	290.3	267.7	22.6	25.5	*8.1*	*8.3*	*
February	318.4	292.9	268.1	24.8	25.5	*8.0*	*8.5*	*
March	327.2	301.9	272.0	29.9	25.3	*7.7*	*7.9*	.1
April	336.1	313.8	276.8	37.0	22.3	*6.6*	*6.9*	*
May	343.4	323.1	285.0	38.1	20.3	*5.9*	*6.4*	*
June	360.0	338.5	295.2	43.3	21.5	*6.0*	*7.5*	.1
July	364.4	343.2	297.0	46.2	21.2	*5.8*	*7.0*	3.4
August	374.5	353.7	304.4	49.3	20.8	*5.5*	*6.8*	.2
September	362.5	343.3	304.9	38.4	19.2	*5.3*	*6.6*	.1
October	347.0	327.8	295.3	32.5	19.2	*5.5*	*6.3*	.4
November	345.0	323.7	295.8	27.9	21.3	*6.2*	*6.4*	.3
December	345.7	323.7	299.8	23.9	22.0	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
Avg.	345.0	323.0	288.5	34.5	22.0	*6.4*	*7.0*	.4
1978								
January	338.7	312.1	290.1	22.0	26.6	*7.8*	*7.0*	*
February	342.5	316.8	292.9	23.9	25.7	*7.5*	*6.9*	*
March	355.1	328.6	300.0	28.6	26.5	*7.5*	*6.6*	*
April	365.9	344.5	309.4	35.1	21.4	*5.9*	*5.8*	*
May	373.6	354.9	318.8	36.1	18.7	*5.0*	*5.5*	.1
June	395.1	371.4	330.2	41.2	23.7	*6.0*	*6.2*	.4
July	396.5	375.0	330.9	44.1	21.5	*5.4*	*6.3*	.2
August	393.6	373.4	326.2	47.2	20.2	*5.1*	*5.8*	.1
September	382.0	363.9	327.1	36.8	18.1	*4.7*	*6.0*	.1
October	368.1	350.8	319.5	31.3	17.3	*4.7*	*5.4*	.1
November	367.6	346.4	319.5	26.9	21.2	*5.8*	*5.5*	.1
December	361.2	338.1	315.0	23.1	23.1	*6.4*	*5.6*	.1
Avg.	370.0	348.0	315.0	33.0	22.0	*6.0*		.1
1979								
January	356.7	330.4	309.1	21.3	26.3	*7.4*		*
February	*359.4*	*334.5*	*311.3*	*23.2*	*24.9*	*6.9*		*1.0*
March								
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December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1978 Benchmarks.*

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast; previous month preliminary.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1977								
January	31.4	29.0	28.1	.9	2.4	*7.7*	*8.1*	*
February	31.4	29.3	28.3	1.0	2.1	*6.8*	*8.0*	*
March	32.1	29.9	28.7	1.2	2.2	*7.0*	*7.7*	*
April	32.2	30.3	28.8	1.5	1.9	*5.9*	*6.6*	*
May	32.7	30.8	29.3	1.5	1.9	*5.8*	*5.9*	*
June	34.1	32.0	30.3	1.7	2.1	*6.0*	*6.0*	*
July	34.3	32.2	30.4	1.8	2.1	*6.2*	*5.8*	.8
August	34.5	32.4	30.5	1.9	2.1	*6.1*	*5.5*	*
September	34.8	32.7	31.2	1.5	2.1	*6.0*	*5.3*	*
October	34.1	31.9	30.6	1.3	2.2	*6.3*	*5.5*	.3
November	34.0	32.0	30.9	1.1	2.0	*5.9*	*6.2*	.3
December	34.0	31.7	30.8	.9	2.3	*6.6*	*6.4*	*
Avg.	33.3	31.2	29.8	1.4	2.1	*6.4*	*6.4*	.1
1978								
January	33.2	30.4	29.5	.9	2.8	*8.3*	*7.8*	*
February	33.7	31.0	30.1	.9	2.7	*8.0*	*7.5*	*
March	34.7	32.1	31.0	1.1	2.6	*7.4*	*7.5*	*
April	34.5	32.5	31.1	1.4	2.0	*5.8*	*5.9*	*
May	35.0	33.1	31.7	1.4	1.9	*5.4*	*5.0*	*
June	37.1	34.3	32.7	1.6	2.8	*7.4*	*6.0*	*
July	37.1	34.8	33.1	1.7	2.3	*6.3*	*5.4*	*
August	37.0	34.7	32.8	1.9	2.3	*6.2*	*5.1*	*
September	36.8	34.5	33.0	1.5	2.3	*6.2*	*4.7*	*
October	36.0	33.9	32.7	1.2	2.1	*5.9*	*4.7*	*
November	36.3	33.6	32.5	1.1	2.7	*7.4*	*5.8*	*
December	35.6	32.8	31.9	.9	2.8	*7.9*	*6.4*	*
Avg.	35.6	33.2	31.9	1.3	2.4	*6.8*	*6.0*	*
1979								
January	35.0	32.0	31.2	.8	3.0	*8.5*	*7.4*	*
February	*35.0*	*32.3*	*31.4*	*.9*	*2.7*	*7.7*	*6.9*	*
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Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[2]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent[1] County	Percent[1] State	
1977								
January	48.0	45.0	44.0	1.0	3.0	*6.2*	*8.1*	*
February	48.2	45.3	44.2	1.1	2.9	*6.0*	*8.0*	*
March	49.0	46.3	44.9	1.4	2.7	*5.6*	*7.7*	*
April	49.4	47.0	45.3	1.7	2.4	*4.8*	*6.6*	*
May	50.0	47.7	46.0	1.7	2.3	*4.6*	*5.9*	*
June	51.7	49.4	47.4	2.0	2.3	*4.4*	*6.0*	*
July	51.9	49.6	47.5	2.1	2.3	*4.4*	*5.8*	*
August	52.6	50.3	48.0	2.3	2.3	*4.3*	*5.5*	*
September	52.9	50.7	48.9	1.8	2.2	*4.2*	*5.3*	*
October	51.6	49.3	47.8	1.5	2.3	*4.4*	*5.5*	*
November	52.0	49.7	48.4	1.3	2.3	*4.4*	*6.2*	*
December	52.7	50.3	49.2	1.1	2.4	*4.6*	*6.4*	*
Avg.	50.8	48.4	46.8	1.6	2.4	*4.8*	*6.4*	*
1978								
January	51.1	48.0	47.0	1.0	3.1	*6.1*	*7.8*	*
February	51.4	48.5	47.4	1.1	2.9	*5.6*	*7.5*	*
March	52.9	49.7	48.4	1.3	3.2	*6.1*	*7.5*	*
April	53.8	51.5	49.9	1.6	2.3	*4.3*	*5.9*	*
May	53.8	51.7	50.0	1.7	2.1	*3.9*	*5.0*	*
June	55.7	53.0	51.1	1.9	2.7	*4.8*	*6.0*	*
July	55.3	53.0	51.0	2.0	2.3	*4.2*	*5.4*	*
August	55.0	52.7	50.5	2.2	2.3	*4.1*	*5.1*	*
September	55.5	53.4	51.7	1.7	2.1	*3.8*	*4.7*	*
October	54.6	52.8	51.4	1.4	1.8	*3.2*	*4.7*	*
November	55.2	52.6	51.4	1.2	2.6	*4.8*	*5.8*	*
December	54.4	51.7	50.6	1.1	2.7	*4.9*	*6.4*	*
Avg.	54.1	51.6	50.1	1.5	2.5	*4.6*	*6.0*	*
1979								
January	53.5	50.5	49.5	1.0	3.0	*5.7*	*7.4*	*
February	*53.7*	*50.9*	*49.8*	*1.1*	*2.8*	*5.3*	*6.9*	*
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RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

January 1979
in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1978	Net Changes to Current Month from: Dec. 1978	Jan. 1978
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1]	356.7	361.2	338.7	-4.5	18.0
EMPLOYED PERSONS	330.4	338.1	312.1	-7.7	18.3
Persons Employed in Agriculture	21.3	23.1	22.0	-1.8	-.7
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	26.3	23.1	26.6	3.2	-.3
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2]	*7.4*	*6.4*	*7.8*	*1.0*	*-.4*
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2]	*5.9*	*6.1*	*6.2*	*-.2*	*-.3*
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS (Establishment Data)	*272.5*	*280.2*	*262.0*	*-7.7*	*10.5*
MANUFACTURING	*26.6*	*26.7*	*23.5*	*-.1*	*3.1*
Durable Goods	*17.3*	*17.5*	*15.0*	*-.2*	*2.3*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*10.9*	*10.8*	*8.9*	*.1*	*2.0*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.1*	*3.1*	*3.2*	*0*	*-.1*
Other Durable Goods	*3.3*	*3.6*	*2.9*	*-.3*	*.4*
Nondurable Goods	*9.3*	*9.2*	*8.5*	*.1*	*.8*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*4.4*	*4.3*	*4.1*	*.1*	*.3*
27 Printing and Publishing	*2.3*	*2.3*	*2.1*	*0*	*.2*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.0*	*1.0*	*.9*	*0*	*.1*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.6*	*1.6*	*1.4*	*0*	*.2*
MINING	*7.9*	*8.2*	*6.4*	*-.3*	*1.5*
10 Metal Mining	*2.8*	*2.8*	*2.1*	*0*	*.7*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Non-Metal Mining	*2.0*	*2.1*	*1.6*	*-.1*	*.4*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*3.1*	*3.3*	*2.7*	*-.2*	*.4*
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	*13.5*	*14.4*	*13.2*	*-1.9*	*.3*
15 General Building Contractors	*4.7*	*5.3*	*4.5*	*-.6*	*.2*
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	*3.4*	*3.7*	*3.0*	*-.3*	*.4*
17 Special Trade Contractors	*5.4*	*6.4*	*5.7*	*-1.0*	*-.3*
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	*21.8*	*22.1*	*20.8*	*-.3*	*1.0*
40 Railroad Transportation	*7.0*	*7.0*	*6.4*	*0*	*.6*
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	*6.6*	*6.9*	*6.1*	*-.3*	*.5*
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.3*	*0*	*-.1*
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	*70.4*	*73.5*	*65.4*	*-3.1*	*5.0*
Wholesale Trade	*16.4*	*16.3*	*16.4*	*.1*	*0*
Retail Trade	*54.0*	*57.2*	*49.1*	*-3.2*	*4.9*
53 & 56 General Merchandise, Apparel, Accessories	*8.6*	*9.5*	*8.6*	*-.9*	*0*
54 Food Stores	*7.6*	*7.6*	*7.1*	*0*	*.5*
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	*8.5*	*8.6*	*7.4*	*-.1*	*1.1*
58 Eating and Drinking Places	*18.8*	*20.3*	*16.8*	*-1.5*	*2.0*
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	*10.5*	*11.2*	*9.2*	*-.7*	*1.3*
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	*12.2*	*12.5*	*11.7*	*-.3*	*.5*
SERVICES	*51.4*	*52.6*	*48.0*	*-1.2*	*3.4*
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	*6.3*	*6.5*	*6.5*	*-.2*	*-.2*
72 Personal Services	*2.7*	*2.7*	*2.6*	*0*	*.1*
80 Medical and other Health Services	*16.8*	*17.1*	*16.0*	*-.3*	*.8*
Other Services	*25.6*	*26.3*	*22.9*	*-.7*	*2.7*
GOVERNMENT	*68.7*	*69.2*	*72.9*	*-.5*	*-4.2*
91 Federal Government	*11.5*	*12.2*	*14.2*	*-.7*	*-2.7*
92 State Colleges and Universities	*8.5*	*8.5*	*8.9*	*0*	*-.4*
92 Other State Government	*11.3*	*10.8*	*11.4*	*.5*	*-.1*
93 Local Education	*24.3*	*24.3*	*24.7*	*0*	*-.4*
93 Other Local Government	*13.1*	*13.4*	*13.7*	*-.3*	*-.6*

1/ Estimates based on National Household Sample, Census and Other Relationships; includes self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1978 Benchmarks.
2/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.
Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

January 1979

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1978	Net Changes to Current Month from: Dec. 1978	Jan. 1978
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1/]	35.0	35.6	33.2	-.6	1.8
EMPLOYED PERSONS	32.0	32.8	30.4	-.8	1.6
Persons Employed in Agriculture	.8	.9	.9	-.1	-.1
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	3.0	2.8	2.8	.2	.2
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2/]	*8.5*	*7.9*	*8.3*	*.6*	*.2*
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2/]	*7.4*	*8.0*	*7.1*	*-.6*	*.3*
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS (Establishment Data)	*29.4*	*30.3*	*29.3*	*-.9*	*.1*
Manufacturing	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.6*	*0*	*.2*
Contract Construction	*1.5*	*1.7*	*1.5*	*-.2*	*0*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.7*	*0*	*.2*
Trade	*9.7*	*10.3*	*9.9*	*-.6*	*-.2*
Wholesale Trade	*2.5*	*2.7*	*3.0*	*-.2*	*-.5*
Retail Trade	*7.2*	*7.6*	*6.9*	*-.4*	*.3*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*6.5*	*6.5*	*6.5*	*0*	*0*
Government	*6.0*	*6.1*	*6.2*	*-.1*	*-.2*
Federal Government	*1.8*	*1.9*	*2.1*	*-.1*	*-.3*
State and Local Government	*4.2*	*4.2*	*4.1*	*0*	*.1*

1/ Estimates based on National Household Sample, Census and Other Relationships; includes self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers.

2/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Current month preliminary.

Revised to 1978 Benchmarks.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

January 1979

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1978	Net Changes to Current Month from: Dec. 1978	Jan. 1978
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1/]	53.5	54.4	51.1	-.9	2.4
EMPLOYED PERSONS	50.5	51.7	48.0	-1.2	2.5
Persons Employed in Agriculture	1.0	1.1	1.0	-.1	0
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	3.0	2.7	3.1	.3	-.1
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2/]	*5.7*	*4.9*	*6.1*	*.8*	*-.4*
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2/]	*4.6*	*4.9*	*5.0*	*-.3*	*-.4*
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS (Establishment Data)	*44.3*	*45.5*	*42.1*	*-1.2*	*2.2*
Manufacturing	*4.1*	*4.1*	*3.5*	*0*	*.6*
Contract Construction	*1.8*	*2.2*	*2.4*	*-.4*	*-.6*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*4.2*	*4.3*	*3.8*	*-.1*	*.4*
Trade	*15.5*	*16.0*	*13.9*	*-.5*	*1.6*
Wholesale Trade	*5.3*	*5.3*	*4.9*	*0*	*.4*
Retail Trade	*10.2*	*10.7*	*9.0*	*-.5*	*1.2*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.2*	*2.1*	*2.1*	*.1*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*9.0*	*9.3*	*8.2*	*-.3*	*.8*
Government	*7.5*	*7.5*	*8.2*	*0*	*-.7*
Federal Government	*1.5*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*0*	*0*
State and Local Government	*6.0*	*6.0*	*6.7*	*0*	*-.7*

1/ *Estimates based on National Household Sample, Census and Other Relationships; includes self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers.*

2/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

Current month preliminary. *Revised to 1978 Benchmarks.*

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1979	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1979	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1979	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1979
STATEWIDE	367.6	361.2	356.7	346.4	338.1	330.4	21.2	23.1	26.3	*5.8*	*6.4*	*7.4*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	36.3	35.6	35.0	33.6	32.8	32.0	2.7	2.8	3.0	*7.4*	*7.9*	*8.5*
BILLINGS SMSA	55.2	54.4	53.5	52.6	51.7	50.5	2.6	2.7	3.0	*4.8*	*4.9*	*5.7*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	276.1	271.2	268.2	260.2	253.6	247.9	15.9	17.6	20.3	*5.7*	*6.5*	*7.6*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	36.3	36.0	34.6	33.9	33.5	32.0	2.4	2.5	2.6	*6.6*	*6.9*	*7.5*
BOZEMAN	26.5	26.4	26.0	25.2	24.9	24.3	1.3	1.5	1.7	*4.8*	*5.6*	*6.4*
GLASGOW	15.8	15.4	14.9	15.1	14.7	14.1	.7	.7	.8	*4.4*	*4.3*	*5.5*
GLENDIVE	14.1	13.4	13.1	13.7	12.9	12.6	.4	.5	.5	*3.1*	*3.6*	*4.2*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	12.4	12.2	11.7	11.8	11.4	11.0	.6	.8	.7	*5.2*	*6.2*	*6.3*
HAVRE	12.3	11.9	12.0	11.7	11.2	11.2	.6	.7	.8	*4.8*	*6.0*	*7.0*
HELENA	28.0	27.3	27.5	26.3	25.7	25.5	1.7	1.6	2.0	*6.1*	*5.9*	*7.1*
KALISPELL	37.7	37.7	38.3	35.1	34.5	34.4	2.6	3.2	3.9	*7.0*	*8.4*	*10.1*
LEWISTOWN	10.5	10.1	9.8	10.0	9.5	9.2	.5	.6	.6	*4.9*	*5.7*	*6.1*
MILES CITY	15.0	14.4	13.8	14.3	13.6	12.9	.7	.8	.9	*4.8*	*5.6*	*6.4*
MISSOULA	50.6	50.2	50.4	47.4	46.4	45.9	3.2	3.8	4.5	*6.3*	*7.5*	*8.9*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.9	16.4	16.1	15.8	15.3	14.8	1.1	1.1	1.3	*6.3*	*7.0*	*7.8*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on "New Business Firms" page. Map inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	Percent Change 1978-1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	Percent Change 1978-1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	Net Change 1978-1979	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	Net Change 1978-1979
STATEWIDE	356.7	338.7	*5.3*	330.4	312.1	*5.9*	26.3	26.6	*-.3*	7.4	7.8	*-.4*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	35.0	33.2	*5.4*	32.0	30.4	*5.3*	3.0	2.8	*.2*	8.5	8.3	*.2*
BILLINGS SMSA	53.5	51.1	*4.7*	50.5	48.0	*5.2*	3.0	3.1	*-.1*	5.7	6.1	*-.4*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	268.2	254.4	*5.4*	247.9	233.7	*6.1*	20.3	20.7	*-.4*	7.6	8.1	*-.5*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	34.6	33.3	*3.9*	32.0	30.5	*4.9*	2.6	2.8	*-.2*	7.5	8.5	*-1.0*
BOZEMAN	26.0	24.3	*7.0*	24.3	22.7	*7.0*	1.7	1.6	*.1*	6.4	6.4	*0*
GLASGOW	14.9	14.6	*2.1*	14.1	13.5	*4.4*	.8	1.1	*-.3*	5.5	7.3	*-1.8*
GLENDIVE	13.1	12.7	*3.1*	12.6	12.0	*5.0*	.5	.7	*-.2*	4.2	5.7	*-1.5*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.7	10.9	*7.3*	11.0	10.0	*10.0*	.7	.9	*-.2*	6.3	8.4	*-2.1*
HAVRE	12.0	11.6	*3.4*	11.2	10.7	*4.7*	.8	.9	*-.1*	7.0	7.4	*-.4*
HELENA	27.5	26.7	*3.0*	25.5	24.9	*2.4*	2.0	1.8	*.2*	7.1	6.6	*.5*
KALISPELL	38.3	35.3	*8.5*	34.4	31.5	*9.2*	3.9	3.8	*.1*	10.1	10.6	*-.5*
LEWISTOWN	9.8	9.6	*2.1*	9.2	8.8	*4.5*	.6	.8	*-.2*	6.1	8.6	*-2.5*
MILES CITY	13.8	13.4	*3.0*	12.9	12.4	*4.0*	.9	1.0	*-.1*	6.4	7.4	*-1.0*
MISSOULA	50.4	46.4	*8.6*	45.9	42.3	*8.5*	4.5	4.1	*.4*	8.9	8.8	*.1*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.1	15.6	*3.2*	14.8	14.3	*3.5*	1.3	1.3	*0*	7.8	8.5	*-.7*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on "New Business Firms" page. Map inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE IX A

MONTANA MONTHLY LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY
CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA
JANUARY 1979

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
STATEWIDE	356720	330433	26287	7.4
CASCADE	34991	32011	2980	8.5
YELLOWSTONE	53515	50479	3036	5.7
BEAVERHEAD	4175	3941	234	5.6
BIG HORN	5484	5115	369	6.7
BLAINE	2917	2635	282	9.7
BROADWATER	1673	1524	149	8.9
CARBON	2893	2678	215	7.4
CARTER	743	649	94	12.7
CHOUTEAU	2537	2426	111	4.4
CUSTER	5602	5210	392	7.0
DANIELS	1293	1253	40	3.1
DAWSON	5225	5004	221	4.2
DEER LODGE	6087	5601	486	8.0
FALLON	2017	1954	63	3.1
FERGUS	5538	5217	321	5.8
FLATHEAD	22765	20587	2178	9.6
GALLATIN	19550	18473	1077	5.5
GARFIELD	709	657	52	7.3
GLACIER	5314	4684	630	11.9
GOLDEN VALLEY	294	284	10	3.4
GRANITE	1448	1344	104	7.2
HILL	8157	7649	508	6.2
JEFFERSON	2143	1931	212	9.9
JUDITH BASIN	1085	909	176	16.2
LAKE	7922	7226	696	8.8
LEWIS AND CLARK	23610	22013	1597	6.8
LIBERTY	948	897	51	5.4
LINCOLN	7606	6606	1000	13.1
MC CONE	993	954	39	3.9
MADISON	1868	1787	81	4.3
MEAGHER	875	818	57	6.5
MINERAL	1563	1355	208	13.3
MISSOULA	37511	34439	3072	8.2
MUSSELSHELL	1584	1526	58	3.7
PARK	5589	5055	534	9.6
PETROLEUM	243	236	7	2.9
PHILLIPS	2395	2261	134	5.6
PONDERA	3126	2928	198	6.3
POWDER RIVER	974	940	34	3.5
POWELL	4022	3747	275	6.8
PRAIRIE	698	653	45	6.4
RAVALLI	7637	6809	828	10.8
RICHLAND	4916	4746	170	3.5
ROOSEVELT	4495	4232	263	5.9
ROSEBUD	4105	3821	284	6.9
SANDERS	3631	3267	364	10.0
SHERIDAN	2334	2288	46	2.0
SILVER BOW	16974	15560	1414	8.3
STILLWATER	1960	1825	135	6.9
SWEET GRASS	1424	1398	26	1.8
TETON	2491	2346	145	5.8
TOOLE	2617	2442	175	6.7
TREASURE	374	352	22	5.9
VALLEY	4410	4070	340	7.7
WHEATLAND	1083	1055	28	2.6
WIBAUX	587	26, 566	21	3.6

TABLE IX B

MONTANA MONTHLY LABOR FORCE BY COUNTY
CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA
DECEMBER 1978

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
STATEWIDE	361206	338093	23113	6.4
CASCADE	35591	32775	2816	7.9
YELLOWSTONE	54410	51727	2683	4.9
BEAVERHEAD	4178	3979	199	4.8
BIG HORN	5561	5179	382	6.9
BLAINE	2858	2596	262	9.2
BROADWATER	1503	1440	63	4.2
CARBON	3094	2874	220	7.1
CARTER	774	677	97	12.5
CHOUTEAU	2529	2431	98	3.9
CUSTER	5770	5462	308	5.3
DANIELS	1294	1272	22	1.7
DAWSON	5381	5160	221	4.1
DEER LODGE	6527	6052	475	7.3
FALLON	2114	2043	71	3.4
FERGUS	5572	5290	282	5.1
FLATHEAD	22012	20145	1867	8.5
GALLATIN	19642	18669	973	5.0
GARFIELD	722	673	49	6.8
GLACIER	5401	4806	595	11.0
GOLDEN VALLEY	305	293	12	3.9
GRANITE	1504	1372	132	8.8
HILL	8126	7723	403	5.0
JEFFERSON	2067	1907	160	7.7
JUDITH BASIN	1063	929	134	12.6
LAKE	8163	7652	511	6.3
LEWIS AND CLARK	23786	22383	1403	5.9
LIBERTY	958	905	53	5.5
LINCOLN	7471	6698	773	10.3
MC CONE	1043	1012	31	3.0
MADISON	2022	1916	106	5.2
MEAGHER	913	851	62	6.8
MINERAL	1539	1356	183	11.9
MISSOULA	37393	34762	2631	7.0
MUSSELSHELL	1644	1555	89	5.4
PARK	5791	5353	438	7.6
PETROLEUM	258	254	4	1.6
PHILLIPS	2509	2386	123	4.9
PONDERA	3201	3027	174	5.4
POWDER RIVER	1079	1044	35	3.2
POWELL	3549	3311	238	6.7
PRAIRIE	679	631	48	7.1
RAVALLI	7646	7029	617	8.1
RICHLAND	4987	4867	120	2.4
ROOSEVELT	4644	4410	234	5.0
ROSEBUD	4270	3998	272	6.4
SANDERS	3617	3283	334	9.2
SHERIDAN	2384	2347	37	1.6
SILVER BOW	18182	16866	1316	7.2
STILLWATER	2073	1949	124	6.0
SWEET GRASS	1477	1450	27	1.8
TETON	2577	2438	139	5.4
TOOLE	2686	2551	135	5.0
TREASURE	373	347	26	7.0
VALLEY	4498	4254	244	5.4
WHEATLAND	1189	1143	46	3.9
WIBAUX	607	591	16	2.6

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

TABLE X

MONTANA

FEMALE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

January 1979

(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	FEMALE EMPLOYMENT					TOTAL EMPLOYMENT COMPARISON			
				Net Change to Current Month From:					
	Jan. 1979 1/	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1977	Total	Percent Women	Total	Percent Women
						January 1979		December 1978	
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Workers .	126.7	123.5	115.2	3.2	11.5	272.5	*46.5*	280.2	*44.1*
Manufacturing	3.1	3.1	2.7	0	.4	26.6	*11.7*	26.7	*11.4*
Mining	.4	.4	.3	0	.1	7.9	*5.1*	8.2	*4.9*
Contract Construction	1.3	1.3	1.1	0	.2	13.5	*9.6*	15.4	*8.4*
Transportation & Public Utilities .	4.1	4.1	3.8	0	.3	21.8	*18.8*	22.1	*18.6*
Wholesale & Retail Trade	38.7	35.7	30.7	3.0	8.0	70.4	*55.0*	73.5	*48.6*
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate ..	8.4	8.2	7.6	.2	.8	12.2	*68.9*	12.5	*65.6*
Services	35.0	35.0	33.2	0	1.8	51.4	*68.1*	52.6	*66.5*
Government 2/	35.7	35.7	35.8	0	-.1	68.7	*52.0*	69.2	*51.6*

1/ Current month preliminary. Revised to 1978 Benchmark. Establishment Series began January 1974.

2/ Includes all civilian employees of Federal, State, and Local Governments regardless of the activity in which the employee is engaged.

Prepared by the Montana Employment Security Division in Cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE XI

MONTANA FEMALE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(In Thousands)

1978

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann. Avg.
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary .	114.7	115.0	116.9	119.5	120.8	123.8	121.3	122.1	120.4	122.2	122.3	127.7	120.6
Manufacturing	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.0
Mining	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4
Contract Construction	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
Transport. & Public Utilities.	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	30.7	30.5	31.2	32.2	33.2	33.7	32.9	35.3	35.5	35.3	35.2	38.5	33.7
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate..	7.4	7.7	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.4	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.8	8.0
Services	33.8	34.0	33.4	35.2	35.4	37.6	36.6	34.0	34.3	34.1	34.3	35.2	34.8
Government	34.9	35.3	35.5	35.7	35.8	35.6	34.6	35.4	33.7	35.6	35.8	37.2	35.4

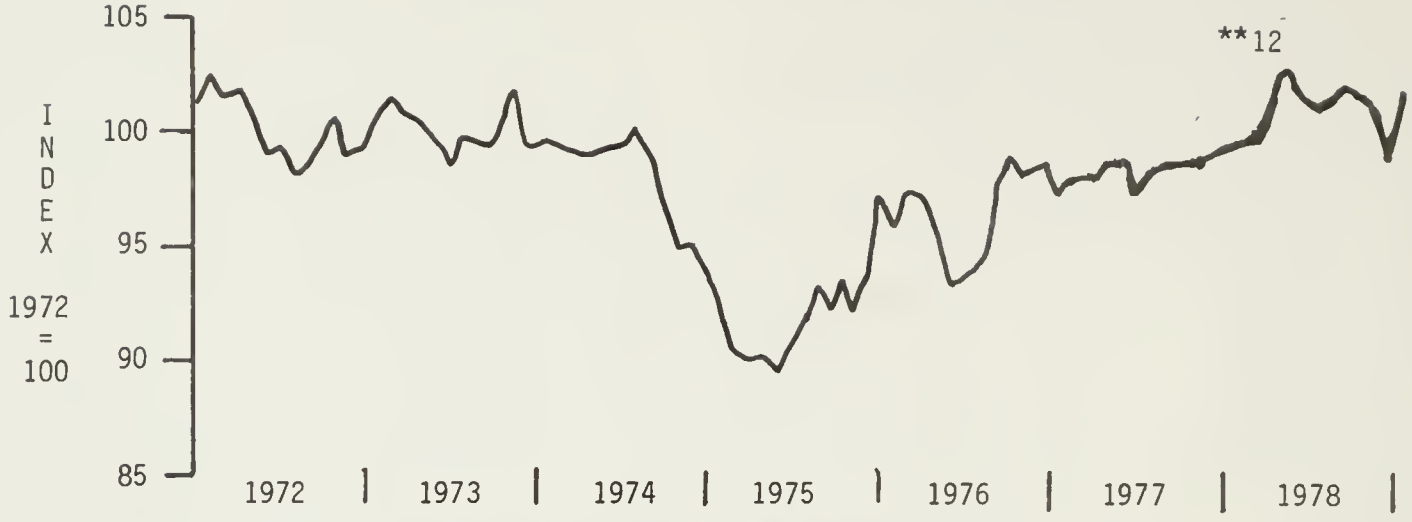
1979

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary .	126.7
Manufacturing.....	3.1
Mining	.4
Contract Construction.....	1.3
Transport. & Public Utilities.	4.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	38.7
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate..	8.4
Services.....	35.0
Government.....	35.7

1/ Includes all civilian employees of Federal, State, and Local Governments regardless of the activity in which the employee is engaged. Establishment Series began January, 1974. Revised to 1978 Benchmark.
Prepared by Montana Employment Security Division in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX ECONOMIC INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX ECONOMIC INDICATORS
1972 = 100

1977	
January	98.2
February	99.2
March	99.0
April	99.1
May	97.1
June	97.5
July	95.8
August	97.1
September	98.1
October	98.1
November	98.0
December	98.5
1978	
January	100.1
February	100.2
March	103.1
April	103.8
May	102.4
June	101.7
July	101.3
August	101.8
September	102.6
October	101.1
November	98.8
December	102.5

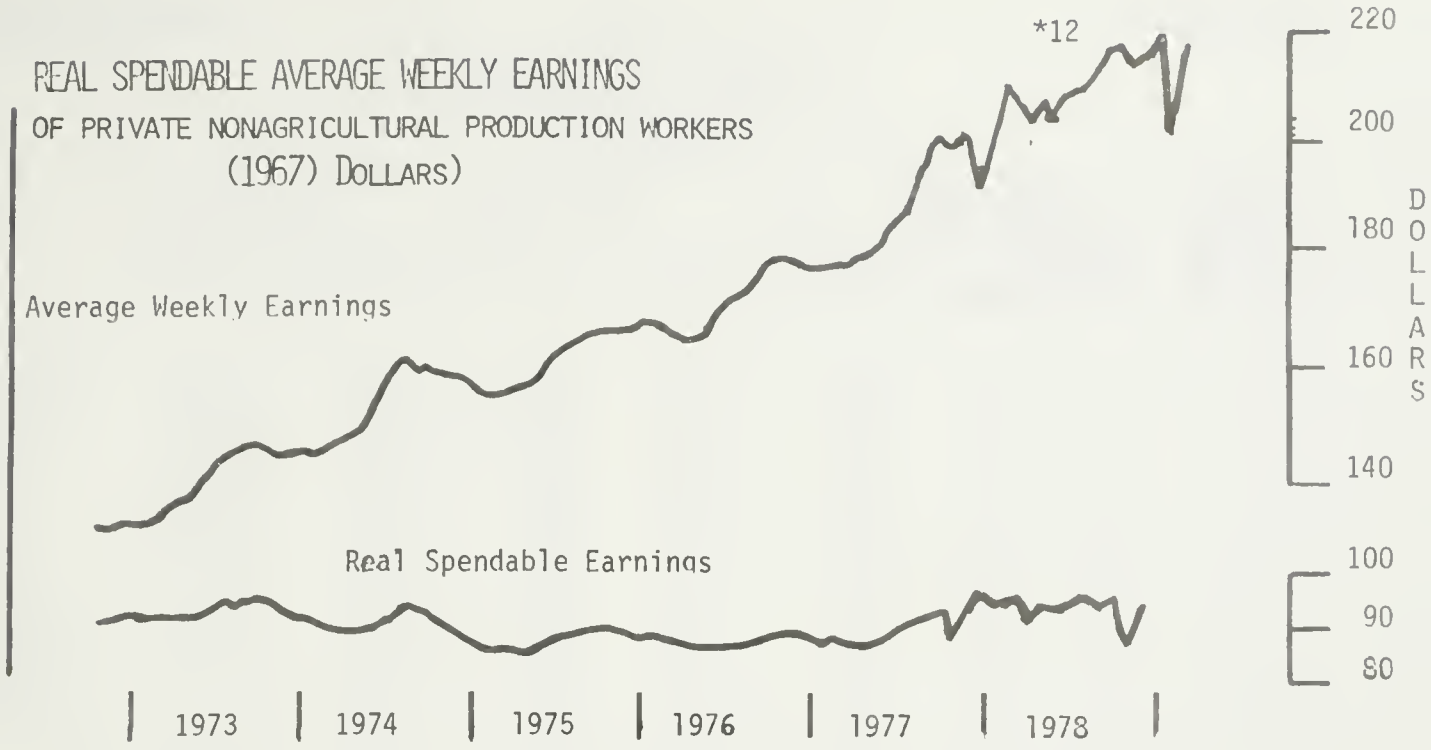
MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

Montana's composite index of six leading indicators rebounded in December following November's sharp decline and the level of 102.5 is almost equal to the September figure. The very early onset of continuous cold weather may have caused the November decline, but economic conditions appear to have returned to normal in December. Manufacturing employment remained stable as did building permits but the resurgence is probably due mostly to the drop in the number of initial claims filed in December.

The composite index for 1978 has been extremely variable with little trend movement noticeable of the magnitude necessary to make predictions. It does seem to show the steady growth of the economy over the past year despite these month to month fluctuations. Perhaps a better indicator will be apparent after the annual revision of the index is completed next month. The current outlook would have to be for continued slow but stable growth in the state's economy.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*



	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1977
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	217.56	200.99	210.37
Taxes Withheld	35.21	30.58	32.75
Spendable Earnings	182.35	170.41	177.62
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	92.48	85.96	82.18
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	89.87	84.45	95.44

	Average Weekly Earnings	Real Spendable Earnings
1977		
July	190.97	89.63
Aug.	200.28	92.96
Sep.	197.89	91.67
Oct.	202.65	93.29
Nov.	190.85	88.23
Dec.	210.37	95.44
1978		
Jan.	205.19	92.67
Feb.	209.10	93.63
Mar.	203.28	90.71
Apr.	207.77	91.58
May	208.58	91.04
June	216.58	93.03
July	217.49	92.67
Aug.	214.68	91.19
Sep.	215.27	90.81
Oct.	218.40	91.15
Nov.	200.99	84.45
Dec.	217.56	89.87

REAL SPENDABLE EARNINGS

December's average gross wage figure went back up close to October's level, following the drastic decline in November. The gross wage average rose by $16.57 resulting in a $5.42 increase in the real spendable wage calculation. Some of the gross wage increase was negated by a continued upward trend in the Consumer Price Index as it reached a 202.9 level.

The effects of inflation, as reflected by the C.P.I. can be more clearly ascertained by relating the new figures to those of last December. Gross average weekly earnings have risen by 3.4% since last December, but the real spendable calculation has dropped by 5.8%, to an $89.87 figure. Inflation is certainly a major problem when a substantial rise in gross wages is reflected in a loss in real spendable earnings.

** Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*

1/ Average weekly earnings of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[2/]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent[1/] Montana	Percent[1/] U. S.	
1977								
January	336.8	315.4	281.4	34.0	21.4	6.3	7.4	*
February	338.6	316.6	281.8	34.8	22.0	6.5	7.6	*
March	339.1	316.8	281.9	34.9	22.3	6.6	7.4	.1
April	339.8	317.5	282.0	35.5	22.3	6.6	7.1	*
May	342.4	319.3	284.4	34.9	23.1	6.7	7.1	*
June	339.5	319.8	284.8	35.0	19.7	5.8	7.1	.1
July	343.7	321.8	286.6	35.2	21.9	6.4	6.9	3.4
August	352.0	329.5	294.7	34.8	22.5	6.4	7.0	.2
September	353.1	330.4	296.3	34.1	22.7	6.4	6.8	.1
October	349.4	327.0	293.3	33.7	22.4	6.4	6.8	.4
November	350.3	328.2	294.6	33.6	22.1	6.3	6.7	.3
December	355.1	333.5	299.9	33.6	21.6	6.1	6.4	*
Avg.	345.0	323.0	288.5	34.5	22.0	6.4	7.0	.4
1978								
January	359.8	337.4	304.0	33.4	22.4	6.2	6.3	*
February	362.6	340.4	306.7	33.7	22.2	6.1	6.1	*
March	367.3	343.8	310.2	33.6	23.5	6.4	6.2	*
April	369.6	348.0	314.7	33.3	21.6	5.8	6.0	*
May	372.7	351.2	318.1	33.1	21.5	5.8	6.1	.1
June	374.8	352.8	319.8	33.0	22.0	5.9	5.7	.4
July	375.8	353.6	320.7	32.9	22.2	5.9	6.2	.2
August	371.1	349.3	316.6	32.7	21.8	5.9	5.9	.1
September	372.4	350.8	318.2	32.6	21.6	5.8	6.0	.1
October	370.6	350.0	317.4	32.6	20.6	5.6	5.8	.1
November	372.8	350.7	318.0	32.7	22.1	5.9	5.8	.1
December	370.5	347.9	315.1	32.8	22.6	6.1	5.9	.1
Avg.	370.0	348.0	315.0	33.0	22.0	6.0		.1
1979								
January	377.8	355.7	323.0	32.7	22.1	5.9		*
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.

Revised to 1978 Benchmarks.

Current month preliminary

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table XIII

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1977								
January	32.7	30.6	29.2	1.4	2.1	6.5	6.3	*
February	32.9	30.9	29.5	1.4	2.0	6.1	6.5	*
March	32.6	30.6	29.2	1.4	2.0	6.2	6.6	*
April	32.6	30.6	29.2	1.4	2.0	6.0	6.6	*
May	32.7	30.6	29.2	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
June	32.8	31.0	29.6	1.4	1.8	5.4	5.8	*
July	33.3	31.2	29.8	1.4	2.1	6.3	6.4	.8
August	33.5	31.3	29.9	1.4	2.2	6.7	6.4	*
September	34.2	31.9	30.6	1.3	2.3	6.8	6.4	*
October	34.0	31.6	30.3	1.3	2.4	6.9	6.4	.3
November	33.9	31.8	30.5	1.3	2.1	6.3	6.3	.3
December	34.5	32.2	30.9	1.3	2.3	6.7	6.1	*
Avg.	33.3	31.2	29.8	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.4	.1
1978								
January	34.5	32.0	30.7	1.3	2.5	7.1	6.2	*
February	35.1	32.5	31.2	1.3	2.6	7.3	6.1	*
March	35.0	32.7	31.4	1.3	2.3	6.7	6.4	*
April	35.9	32.8	31.5	1.3	3.1	8.5	5.8	*
May	36.1	33.0	31.7	1.3	3.1	8.6	5.8	*
June	35.9	33.4	32.1	1.3	2.5	6.8	5.9	*
July	36.0	33.7	32.4	1.3	2.3	6.4	5.9	*
August	36.0	33.6	32.3	1.3	2.4	6.7	5.9	*
September	36.2	33.7	32.4	1.3	2.5	7.0	5.8	*
October	35.9	33.6	32.3	1.3	2.3	6.4	5.6	*
November	36.2	33.4	32.1	1.3	2.8	7.7	5.9	*
December	36.1	33.2	31.9	1.3	2.9	8.0	6.1	*
Avg.	35.6	33.2	31.9	1.3	2.4	6.8	6.0	*
1979								
January	36.3	33.6	32.3	1.3	2.7	7.4	5.9	*
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*
2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*
* *Under 50.*

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Current month preliminary.

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Table XIV

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1977								
January	49.5	47.0	45.5	1.5	2.5	5.0	6.3	*
February	50.0	47.5	45.9	1.6	2.5	5.1	6.5	*
March	50.2	47.8	46.2	1.6	2.4	4.8	6.6	*
April	49.9	47.4	45.7	1.7	2.5	5.0	6.6	*
May	50.5	47.7	46.1	1.6	2.8	5.5	6.7	*
June	50.0	48.1	46.5	1.6	1.9	3.9	5.8	*
July	50.5	48.2	46.6	1.6	2.3	4.6	6.4	*
August	51.6	49.2	47.6	1.6	2.4	4.7	6.4	*
September	52.1	49.6	48.0	1.6	2.5	4.9	6.4	*
October	51.2	48.6	47.1	1.5	2.6	5.1	6.4	*
November	51.9	49.4	47.9	1.5	2.5	4.8	6.3	*
December	52.4	50.0	48.5	1.5	2.4	4.5	6.1	*
Avg.	50.8	48.4	46.8	1.6	2.4	4.8	6.4	*
1978								
January	52.7	50.1	48.6	1.5	2.6	5.0	6.2	*
February	53.2	50.7	49.1	1.6	2.5	4.8	6.1	*
March	54.1	51.2	49.6	1.6	2.9	5.4	6.4	*
April	54.2	51.8	50.2	1.6	2.4	4.4	5.8	*
May	54.2	51.7	50.2	1.5	2.5	4.7	5.8	*
June	54.1	51.7	50.2	1.5	2.4	4.4	5.9	*
July	54.1	51.7	50.2	1.5	2.4	4.4	5.9	*
August	54.0	51.6	50.1	1.5	2.4	4.5	5.9	*
September	54.7	52.3	50.8	1.5	2.4	4.4	5.8	*
October	54.2	52.1	50.6	1.5	2.1	3.8	5.6	*
November	55.1	52.3	50.8	1.5	2.8	5.2	5.9	*
December	54.1	51.5	50.0	1.5	2.6	4.9	6.1	*
Avg.	54.1	51.6	50.1	1.5	2.5	4.6	6.0	*
1979								
January	55.0	52.5	51.0	1.5	2.5	4.6	5.9	*
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers

2/ Non-additive - included in total employment.

* *Under 50.*

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TABLE XV

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1979
TOTAL PRIVATE	$214.31	$217.56	$205.19	35.6	36.2	35.5	$6.02	$6.01	$5.78
MANUFACTURING	344.00	341.01	322.77	43.6	42.1	43.5	7.89	8.10	7.42
Durable Goods	345.67	340.69	325.13	43.7	41.7	43.7	7.91	8.17	7.44
Primary Metal Industries	306.38	336.38	321.19	37.5	37.5	40.3	8.17	8.97	7.97
Nondurable Goods	339.47	341.48	318.38	43.3	42.9	43.2	7.84	7.96	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	276.75	280.45	265.41	45.0	44.8	46.4	6.15	6.26	5.72
MINING	429.14	434.73	371.13	46.9	47.1	41.7	9.15	9.23	8.90
Metal Mining	453.78	477.17	422.92	43.3	43.3	41.1	10.48	11.02	10.29
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	334.33	339.35	438.51	33.5	33.8	32.7	9.98	10.04	13.41
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	327.40	321.62	298.69	42.3	41.5	41.6	7.74	7.75	7.18
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	312.77	312.18	284.93	43.2	43.0	42.4	7.24	7.26	6.72
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	157.31	170.84	156.60	31.4	34.1	32.9	5.01	5.01	4.76
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	153.51	144.90	150.22	35.7	35.0	37.0	4.30	4.14	4.06
SERVICES	137.76	137.76	133.27	33.6	33.6	33.4	4.10	4.10	3.99

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TABLE XVI

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

December 1978

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1977	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1977	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1977	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1977	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1978	Dec. 1977
MANUFACTURING	1.6	.2	2.1	.1	.2	1.7	1.8	.3	1.9	.9	.1	1.0	.3	.2	.5
Durable Goods	1.4	1.0	1.7	.9	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6	.8	.5	.6	.3	.7	.5
Primary Metal Industries	2.4	1.3	2.5	.9	.7	1.5	1.1	2.6	1.3	.4	.4	.5	*	1.4	.4
Nondurable Goods	2.3	5.3	2.8	1.5	5.3	2.4	2.5	7.2	2.3	1.3	3.1	1.6	.4	3.4	.4
MINING	2.2	3.4	.4	1.8	2.5	.1	5.0	3.8	4.3	2.6	3.1	3.2	1.3	.1	.4
Metal Mining	1.3	1.2	1.2	.1	0	.2	1.4	1.5	1.4	0	.2	.1	0	.4	.3

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

TABLE XVII

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	Year to Date 1979	Year to Date 1978
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	45	39	45	39
MINING	16	6	16	6
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	72	60	72	60
MANUFACTURING	28	17	28	17
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	27	14	27	14
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	126	96	126	96
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	60	47	60	47
SERVICES	157	129	157	129
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	3	1	3	1
STATE TOTAL	534	409	534	409

TABLE XVIII

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	1979	1978
STATE OF MONTANA	534	409	534	409
GREAT FALLS SMSA	30	39	30	39
BILLINGS SMSA	99	66	99	66
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	33	29	33	29
Beaverhead	3	2	3	2
Deer Lodge	3	4	3	4
Granite	5	2	5	2
Madison	6	6	6	6
Powell	1	4	1	4
Silver Bow	15	11	15	11
BOZEMAN LMA	36	37	36	37
Gallatin	24	26	24	26
Meagher	1	1	1	1
Park	11	10	11	10
GLASGOW LMA	28	11	28	11
Daniels	1	2	1	2
Phillips	6	2	6	2
Roosevelt	7	3	7	3
Sheridan	4	2	4	2
Valley	10	2	10	2
GLENDIVE LMA	26	11	26	11
Dawson	5	7	5	7
Garfield	1	0	1	0
McCone	1	0	1	0
Prairie	3	3	3	3
Richland	15	1	15	1
Wibaux	1	0	1	0
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	16	13	16	13
Big Horn	2	4	2	4
Carbon	8	8	8	8
Stillwater	2	0	2	0
Sweet Grass	4	1	4	1

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	1979	1978
HAVRE LMA	14	12	14	12
Blaine	1	1	1	1
Hill	13	7	13	7
Liberty	0	4	0	4
HELENA LMA	57	25	57	25
Broadwater	1	0	1	0
Jefferson	6	2	6	2
Lewis and Clark	50	23	50	23
KALISPELL LMA	56	52	56	52
Flathead	43	33	43	33
Lake	6	14	6	14
Lincoln	7	5	7	5
LEWISTOWN LMA	8	7	8	7
Fergus	4	2	4	2
Golden Valley	0	0	0	0
Judith Basin	3	0	3	0
Musselshell	1	2	1	2
Petroleum	0	1	0	1
Wheatland	0	2	0	2
MILES CITY LMA	13	11	13	11
Carter	0	1	0	1
Custer	7	6	7	6
Fallon	2	1	2	1
Powder River	0	0	0	0
Rosebud	3	3	3	3
Treasure	1	0	1	0
MISSOULA LMA	104	73	104	73
Mineral	1	1	1	1
Missoula	76	58	76	58
Ravalli	21	9	21	9
Sanders	6	5	6	5
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	14	23	14	23
Chouteau	2	6	2	6
Glacier	5	4	5	4
Pondera	3	5	3	5
Teton	2	4	2	4
Toole	2	4	2	4

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: CLAIM TO PAYMENT

Many of those persons who become separated from their jobs, enter our local Job Service offices for two reasons; to seek employment and to claim unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Claimant wage credits obtained from insured employers are examined to determine if the claim meets monetary eligibility requirements for UI benefits and, if so, for how much per week and for how many potential weeks is the claimant qualified. Monetarily eligible claims are subsequently segregated according to criteria for establishing which party (claimant or employer) was most responsible for the job separation in question. Claims for job separations resulting from claimant actions (issues) are further subjected to the test of whether or not an individual's reduction in his potential benefit duration is warranted. If otherwise eligible and if availability criteria continue to be complied with throughout his actual unemployment duration, weekly benefit payments will commence with the claimant's second week of unemployment (a waiting week must be served under the Montana Law). The number and amount of such payments by county are shown in the table on the following page. Interstate payments in the table refer to payments made to individuals who now reside in other states but who had established wage credits in Montana based employment. Amounts shown in the table are financed through employer taxes paid to the Montana UI Trust Fund Account.

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JANUARY 1979

COUNTY	COUNT	AMOUNT
BEAVERHEAD	356	31,916.51
BIG HORN	291	30,725.70
BLAINE	295	22,907.13
BROADWATER	151	14,279.00
CARBON	393	36,195.74
CARTER	20	1,756.00
CASCADE	6,253	545,910.34
CHOUTEAU	155	13,442.39
CUSTER	667	59,709.31
DANIELS	35	2,057.00
DAWSON	306	27,573.00
DEER LODGE	1,152	100,779.69
FALLON	38	3,304.00
FERGUS	619	54,030.90
FLATHEAD	3,761	310,430.33
GALLATIN	2,161	190,443.69
GARFIELD	33	2,577.00
GLACIER	1,032	85,235.53
GOLDEN VALLEY	9	868.00
GRANITE	147	17,139.77
HILL	757	64,441.46
JEFFERSON	415	40,226.74
JUDITH BASIN	41	3,955.00
LAKE	1,270	106,968.74
LEWIS AND CLARK	3,459	308,238.06
LIBERTY	81	7,497.00
LINCOLN	1,745	138,327.81
MCCONE	38	3,352.00
MADISON	111	8,653.00
MEAGHER	131	9,737.81
MINERAL	378	31,047.21
MISSOULA	5,350	450,162.39
MUSSELSHELL	110	9,896.00
PARK	978	74,100.69
PETROLEUM	1	104.00
PHILLIPS	244	22,236.50
PONDERA	394	36,162.62
POWDER RIVER	35	3,218.00
POWELL	457	38,762.76
PRAIRIE	77	7,877.00
RAVALLI	1,590	123,396.27
RICHLAND	166	14,266.00
ROOSEVELT	336	27,578.03
ROSEBUD	477	43,289.67
SANDERS	646	51,049.53
SHERIDAN	57	5,125.00
SILVER BOW	2,177	273,129.68
STILLWATER	252	25,158.00
SWEET GRASS	39	3,599.56
TETON	270	22,976.05
TOOLE	474	36,240.49
TREASURE	25	2,367.64
VALLEY	608	50,469.43
WHEATLAND	38	3,758.00
WIBAUX	18	1,331.00
YELLOWSTONE	5,301	479,836.22
INTRASTATE	47,554	4,071,256.94
INTERSTATE	1,914	193,956.31
TOTAL	49,468	4,265,213.25

CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
JANUARY 1979 THRU JANUARY 1979

COUNTY	COUNT	AMOUNT
BEAVERHEAD	356	31,936.51
BIGHORN	351	30,385.70
BLAINE	286	22,897.13
BROADWATER	151	14,279.90
CARBON	383	36,135.34
CARTER	20	1,756.00
CASCADE	6,253	545,010.34
CHOUTEAU	169	13,442.32
CUSTER	667	59,700.31
DANIELS	35	2,067.00
DAWSON	306	27,573.00
DEER LODGE	1,152	100,770.69
FALLON	38	3,304.00
FERGUS	619	54,000.59
FLATHEAD	3,761	310,430.33
GALLATIN	2,161	190,443.69
GARFIELD	33	2,577.00
GLACIER	1,032	95,233.53
GOLDEN VALLEY	9	863.00
GRANITE	197	17,139.77
HILL	757	64,441.46
JEFFERSON	415	40,226.74
JUDITH BASIN	41	3,955.00
LAKE	1,270	106,968.74
LEWIS AND CLARK	3,459	303,286.06
LIBERTY	81	7,487.00
LINCOLN	1,745	138,327.81
MCCONE	38	3,862.00
MADISON	111	9,653.00
MEAGHER	131	9,737.81
MINERAL	372	31,047.21
MISSOULA	5,350	450,162.39
MUSSELSHELL	110	9,896.00
PARK	973	74,100.69
PETROLEUM	1	104.00
PHILLIPS	244	22,286.50
PONDERA	394	36,162.62
POWDER RIVER	35	3,318.00
POWELL	457	38,762.76
PRAIRIE	77	7,877.00
RAVALLI	1,590	123,396.27
RICHLAND	166	14,266.00
ROOSEVELT	386	27,978.93
ROSEBUD	477	43,289.63
SANDERS	646	51,039.83
SHERIDAN	57	5,125.00
SILVER BOW	3,177	273,129.68
STILLWATER	252	25,158.00
SWEET GRASS	39	3,589.56
TETON	270	22,976.05
TOOLE	424	36,240.49
TREASURE	35	2,969.64
VALLEY	608	51,469.63
WHEATLAND	38	3,758.00
WIBAUX	13	1,381.00
YELLOWSTONE	5,301	479,836.22
INTRASTATE	47,529	4,070,281.37
INTERSTATE	1,914	193,956.31
TOTAL	49,443	4,264,238.18

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES IN MONTANA

YEAR-TO-DATE

	1979	1978	Net Change	Percent Change
Initial Claims[1/]	8,260	6,986	1,274	*18.2*
Continued Claims[1/]	60,816	54,911	5,905	*10.8*
Number of Benefit Payments[1/]	49,468	44,214	5,254	*11.9*
Amount of Benefits Paid[1/]	$4,265,213	$3,625,891	$639,322	*17.6*
Average Weekly Benefit Amount[1/2/]	$89.69	$88.43	$1.26	*1.4*

MONTHLY

	Jan. 1979	Dec. 1978	Jan. 1978	Change From Year Ago Net	Change From Year Ago Percent
Initial Claims[1/]	8,260	4,590	6,986	1,274	*18.2*
Continued Claims[1/]	60,816	40,398	54,911	5,905	*10.8*
Number of Benefit Payments[1/]	49,468	32,959	44,214	5,254	*11.9*
Amount of Benefits Paid[1/]	$4,265,213	$2,731,478	$3,625,891	$639,322	*17.6*
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amt[1/2/]	$89.69	$86.67	$88.43	$1.26	*1.4*
Trust Fund Balance	$2,057,948*	$4,173,854*	-$5,214,409**	$7,272,357	*139.5*

1/ Regular Unemployment Insurance Program only.
2/ Derived according to definition in "Handbook of Unemployment Insurance Financial Data".
** Excludes Loans from Federal Government, which amount to $10,484,089*
*** Excludes Loans from Federal Government, which amount to $9,284,089*

Both claims and benefit payments increased this first month of 1979. Initial claims were up considerably from last month, but showed a smaller rise from January 1978. Continued claims followed much the same pattern; however, the increase for this month was not as great from either last month or last year as that for the initial claims.

Number and amount of benefits paid were higher in January 1979 than last month or last year. This is a normal seasonal occurrence from December to January, but the higher count and amount for this year compared with last year is partially the result of more snow and cold causing extensive shutdown of outside work.

The average weekly benefit amount (AWBA) rose again this month by about the same amount as from November to December. The year ago figure, however, was only slightly less than the AWBA paid this January.

The trust fund balance decreased a little less from December to January than from November to December but is still being depleted during this season of high unemployment. The January 1978 figure showed a large deficit, however, so that the balance for this January is an improvement.

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NEW CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES IN MONTANA

By Industry and Area, for 1978

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	% of Total
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish	39	30	43	20	36	38	23	35	16	10	18	44	352	*6.8*
Mining	6	6	5	7	8	11	14	20	10	11	14	4	117	*2.2*
Construction	60	65	91	63	132	113	93	99	58	68	43	49	934	*18.0*
Manufacturing	17	19	19	16	26	34	18	37	18	25	17	10	256	*4.9*
Transp., Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	14	24	14	10	16	21	6	24	13	18	9	12	181	*3.5*
Wholesale, Retail	96	113	127	85	147	136	111	148	76	90	74	79	1,282	*24.7*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	47	48	39	25	43	52	38	44	29	35	33	27	460	*8.8*
Services	129	120	114	117	127	165	159	173	87	118	92	108	1,509	*29.0*
Government	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	*.1*
Nonclassifiable Establishments	1	3	3	1	24	3	2	32	1	7	26	0	103	*2.0*
STATE TOTAL	409	428	457	344	559	573	464	612	308	382	326	339	5,200	*100.0*
Area														
Multi-County and Statewide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*0*
Cascade SMSA	39	39	38	28	55	55	37	41	24	29	24	32	441	*8.5*
Yellowstone SMSA	66	75	75	47	77	93	78	101	58	64	75	67	876	*16.8*
Anaconda-Butte LMA	29	32	31	28	40	28	33	50	21	13	23	17	345	*6.6*
Bozeman LMA	37	40	40	36	61	70	48	77	27	36	29	30	531	*10.2*
Glasgow LMA	11	7	9	7	12	14	22	20	4	12	8	14	140	*2.7*
Glendive LMA	11	14	23	5	28	29	20	20	14	17	17	16	214	*4.1*
Hardin LMA	13	18	10	16	18	10	12	10	5	13	6	9	140	*2.7*
Havre LMA	12	14	14	5	20	14	17	20	5	16	7	11	155	*3.0*
Helena LMA	25	37	40	31	41	49	30	41	29	30	17	19	389	*7.5*
Kalispell LMA	52	42	52	49	74	86	51	83	44	46	41	38	658	*12.7*
Lewistown LMA	7	7	9	8	8	20	12	12	5	13	4	6	111	*2.1*
Miles City LMA	11	9	17	5	19	13	16	18	10	9	6	7	140	*2.7*
Missoula LMA	73	74	77	49	80	76	69	101	50	72	52	55	828	*15.9*
Shelby LMA	23	20	21	30	26	16	19	18	12	12	17	18	232	*4.5*

1978 ANNUAL AVERAGES
CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
STATEWIDE	370000	348000	22000	6.0
CASCADE	55583	53152	2431	6.6
YELLOWSTONE	54075	51564	2511	4.6
BEAVERHEAD	4343	4175	168	3.9
BIG HORN	5483	5136	347	6.3
BLAINE	3007	2762	245	8.1
BROADWATER	1569	1500	69	4.4
CARBON	3317	3125	192	5.8
CARTER	916	840	76	8.3
CHOUTEAU	2985	2873	112	3.8
CUSTER	5976	5710	266	4.5
DANIELS	1446	1403	43	3.0
DAWSON	5688	5446	242	4.3
DEER LODGE	6346	5815	531	8.4
FALLON	2177	2101	76	3.5
FERGUS	5947	5672	275	4.6
FLATHEAD	22681	20908	1773	7.8
GALLATIN	19741	18909	832	4.2
GARFIELD	872	844	28	3.2
GLACIER	5776	5214	562	9.7
GOLDEN VALLEY	389	370	19	4.9
GRANITE	1352	1245	107	7.9
HILL	8653	8268	385	4.4
JEFFERSON	2272	2094	178	7.8
JUDITH BASIN	1244	1120	124	10.0
LAKE	8199	7680	519	6.3
LEWIS AND CLARK	24172	22883	1289	5.3
LIBERTY	1107	1055	52	4.7
LINCOLN	7403	6544	859	11.6
MC CONE	1290	1219	71	5.5
MADISON	2316	2226	90	3.9
MEAGHER	1022	973	49	4.8
MINERAL	1693	1551	142	8.4
MISSOULA	56705	54369	2336	6.4
MUSSELSHELL	1792	1705	84	4.7
PARK	5855	5531	324	5.5
PETROLEUM	309	304	5	1.6
PHILLIPS	2654	2524	130	4.9
PONDERA	3436	3290	146	4.2
POWDER RIVER	1251	1213	38	3.0
POWELL	3818	3591	227	5.9
PRAIRIE	861	832	29	3.4
RAVALLI	7929	7294	635	8.0
RICHLAND	5078	4939	139	2.7
ROOSEVELT	4897	4630	267	5.5
ROSEBUD	4431	4170	261	5.9
SANDERS	3975	3660	315	7.9
SHERIDAN	2587	2529	58	2.2
SILVER BOW	18426	16875	1551	8.4
STILLWATER	2138	2046	92	4.3
SWEET GRASS	1671	1629	42	2.5
TETON	2856	2739	117	4.1
TOOLE	2882	2768	114	4.0
TREASURE	459	440	19	4.1
VALLEY	4960	4629	331	6.7
WHEATLAND	1274	1219	55	4.3
WIBAUX	717	696	21	2.9

1977 ANNUAL AVERAGES
CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
STATEWIDE	345000	323000	22000	6.4
CASCADE	33309	31193	2116	6.4
YELLOWSTONE	50824	48381	2443	4.8
BEAVERHEAD	3885	3729	156	4.0
BIG HORN	4517	4156	361	8.0
BLAINE	2863	2680	183	6.4
BROADWATER	1351	1272	79	5.8
CARBON	3384	3197	187	5.5
CARTER	851	824	27	3.2
CHOUTEAU	3008	2900	108	3.6
CUSTER	5554	5274	280	5.0
DANIELS	1421	1378	43	3.0
DAWSON	5281	5043	238	4.5
DEER LODGE	6016	5493	523	8.7
FALLON	2190	2135	55	2.5
FERGUS	5525	5226	299	5.4
FLATHEAD	20948	19106	1842	8.8
GALLATIN	17795	16925	870	4.9
GARFIELD	853	831	22	2.6
GLACIER	5190	4730	460	8.9
GOLDEN VALLEY	411	379	32	7.8
GRANITE	1136	1034	102	9.0
HILL	8328	7892	436	5.2
JEFFERSON	2727	2510	217	8.0
JUDITH BASIN	1197	1147	50	4.2
LAKE	7484	6971	513	6.9
LEWIS AND CLARK	22534	21394	1140	5.1
LIBERTY	1073	1038	35	3.3
LINCOLN	6735	5865	870	12.9
MC CONE	1304	1258	46	3.5
MADISON	2244	2111	133	5.9
MEAGHER	957	905	52	5.4
MINERAL	1748	1565	183	10.5
MISSOULA	32262	29904	2358	7.3
MUSSELSHELL	1786	1646	140	7.8
PARK	5517	5151	366	6.6
PETROLEUM	305	299	6	2.0
PHILLIPS	2448	2304	144	5.9
PONDERA	3395	3210	185	5.4
POWDER RIVER	1188	1150	38	3.2
POWELL	3805	3575	230	6.0
PRAIRIE	962	934	28	2.9
RAVALLI	7331	6610	721	9.8
RICHLAND	4571	4405	166	3.6
ROOSEVELT	4795	4504	291	6.1
ROSEBUD	3942	3671	271	6.9
SANDERS	4036	3691	345	8.5
SHERIDAN	2495	2424	71	2.8
SILVER BOW	17287	15702	1585	9.2
STILLWATER	1968	1864	104	5.3
SWEET GRASS	1635	1589	46	2.8
TETON	2658	2527	131	4.9
TOOLE	2708	2566	142	5.2
TREASURE	470	443	27	5.7
VALLEY	4874	4443	431	8.8
WHEATLAND	1223	1170	53	4.3
WIBAUX	701	679	22	3.1

1976 ANNUAL AVERAGES
CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
STATEWIDE	332000	312000	20000	6.1
CASCADE	31288	29269	2019	6.5
YELLOWSTONE	47688	45422	2266	4.8
BEAVERHEAD	4110	3963	147	3.6
BIG HORN	4307	4052	255	5.9
BLAINE	2825	2661	164	5.8
BROADWATER	1198	1121	77	6.4
CARBON	3265	3091	174	5.3
CARTER	918	903	15	1.6
CHOUTEAU	3074	2979	95	3.1
CUSTER	5351	5155	196	3.7
DANIELS	1412	1381	31	2.2
DAWSON	5258	5072	186	3.5
DEER LODGE	6281	5858	423	6.7
FALLON	2031	1977	54	2.7
FERGUS	5350	5087	263	4.9
FLATHEAD	18849	17117	1732	9.2
GALLATIN	18390	17448	942	5.1
GARFIELD	830	808	22	2.7
GLACIER	4804	4469	335	7.0
GOLDEN VALLEY	461	436	25	5.4
GRANITE	1137	1029	108	9.5
HILL	8290	7914	376	4.5
JEFFERSON	2699	2491	208	7.7
JUDITH BASIN	1206	1165	41	3.4
LAKE	6997	6495	502	7.2
LEWIS AND CLARK	19895	18973	922	4.6
LIBERTY	1115	1069	46	4.3
LINCOLN	6451	5599	852	13.2
MC CONE	1390	1356	32	2.3
MADISON	2276	2140	138	6.1
MEAGHER	961	895	66	6.9
MINERAL	1759	1607	152	8.6
MISSOULA	30075	28029	2046	6.8
MUSSELSHELL	1861	1763	98	5.3
PARK	5520	5221	299	5.4
PETROLEUM	300	295	5	1.7
PHILLIPS	2580	2468	112	4.3
PONDERA	3238	3098	140	4.3
POWDER RIVER	1075	1048	27	2.5
POWELL	3261	3006	255	7.8
PRAIRIE	971	947	24	2.5
RAVALLI	6771	6103	668	9.9
RICHLAND	4512	4347	165	3.7
ROOSEVELT	4980	4735	245	4.9
ROSEBUD	4495	4236	259	5.8
SANDERS	3899	3609	290	7.4
SHERIDAN	2468	2408	60	2.4
SILVER BOW	17536	15894	1644	9.4
STILLWATER	2016	1920	96	4.8
SWEET GRASS	1685	1625	60	3.6
TETON	2733	2621	112	4.1
TOOLE	2608	2483	125	4.8
TREASURE	540	515	25	4.6
VALLEY	5039	4702	337	6.7
WHEATLAND	1278	1232	46	3.6
WIBAUX	696	676	20	2.9

1975 ANNUAL AVERAGES
CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
STATEWIDE	322575	301961	20614	6.4
CASCADE	31769	29698	2071	6.5
YELLOWSTONE	46489	44006	2483	5.3
BEAVERHEAD	3995	3794	201	5.0
BIG HORN	4157	3862	295	7.1
BLAINE	2641	2482	159	6.0
BROADWATER	1160	1084	76	6.6
CARBON	3126	2936	190	6.1
CARTER	944	917	27	2.9
CHOUTEAU	2987	2894	93	3.1
CUSTER	5439	5212	227	4.2
DANIELS	1339	1313	26	1.9
DAWSON	5038	4845	193	3.8
DEER LODGE	6609	6181	428	6.5
FALLON	1876	1825	51	2.7
FERGUS	5181	4912	269	5.2
FLATHEAD	17742	15925	1817	10.2
GALLATIN	17667	16608	1059	6.0
GARFIELD	857	834	23	2.7
GLACIER	4639	4340	299	6.4
GOLDEN VALLEY	463	420	43	9.3
GRANITE	1115	993	122	10.9
HILL	7906	7539	367	4.6
JEFFERSON	2229	2007	222	10.0
JUDITH BASIN	1167	1107	60	5.1
LAKE	6577	6044	533	8.1
LEWIS AND CLARK	18510	17626	884	4.8
LIBERTY	1032	999	33	3.2
LINCOLN	6315	5413	902	14.3
MC CONE	1342	1312	30	2.2
MADISON	2386	2221	165	6.9
MEAGHER	945	853	92	9.7
MINERAL	1544	1372	172	11.1
MISSOULA	29008	26869	2139	7.4
MUSSELSHELL	1757	1660	97	5.5
PARK	5330	4927	403	7.6
PETROLEUM	299	287	12	4.0
PHILLIPS	2437	2324	113	4.6
PONDERA	2945	2817	128	4.3
POWDER RIVER	1053	1027	26	2.5
POWELL	3229	3019	210	6.5
PRAIRIE	887	869	18	2.0
RAVALLI	6407	5738	669	10.4
RICHLAND	4316	4149	167	3.9
ROOSEVELT	4538	4295	243	5.4
ROSEBUD	5100	4931	169	3.3
SANDERS	3644	3327	317	8.7
SHERIDAN	2398	2324	74	3.1
SILVER BOW	17641	16207	1434	8.1
STILLWATER	1938	1843	95	4.9
SWEET GRASS	1636	1583	53	3.2
TETON	2646	2521	125	4.7
TOOLE	2670	2556	114	4.3
TREASURE	486	458	28	5.8
VALLEY	5145	4843	302	5.9
WHEATLAND	1245	1206	39	3.1
WIBAUX	640	612	28	4.4

1974 ANNUAL AVERAGES
CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
STATEWIDE	318602	301878	16724	5.2
CASCADE	31373	29658	1715	5.5
YELLOWSTONE	45498	43572	1926	4.2
BEAVERHEAD	3986	3835	151	3.8
BIG HORN	4177	3856	321	7.7
BLAINE	2691	2546	145	5.4
BROADWATER	1176	1126	50	4.3
CARBON	3252	3091	161	5.0
CARTER	1015	988	27	2.7
CHOUTEAU	3270	3181	89	2.7
CUSTER	5266	5081	185	3.5
DANIELS	1339	1316	23	1.7
DAWSON	5119	4958	161	3.1
DEER LODGE	6284	6027	257	4.1
FALLON	1827	1779	48	2.6
FERGUS	5457	5189	268	4.9
FLATHEAD	17714	16073	1641	9.3
GALLATIN	17530	16769	761	4.3
GARFIELD	869	858	11	1.3
GLACIER	4637	4326	311	6.7
GOLDEN VALLEY	465	441	24	5.2
GRANITE	1213	1136	77	6.3
HILL	7748	7446	302	3.9
JEFFERSON	2049	1879	170	8.3
JUDITH BASIN	1242	1194	48	3.9
LAKE	6854	6413	441	6.4
LEWIS AND CLARK	17987	17136	851	4.7
LIBERTY	1051	1021	30	2.9
LINCOLN	6552	5760	792	12.1
MC CONE	1372	1342	30	2.2
MADISON	2467	2339	128	5.2
MEAGHER	1038	987	51	4.9
MINERAL	1568	1417	151	9.6
MISSOULA	27548	25891	1657	6.0
MUSSELSHELL	1777	1710	67	3.8
PARK	5630	5291	339	6.0
PETROLEUM	319	312	7	2.2
PHILLIPS	2431	2346	85	3.5
PONDERA	2934	2792	142	4.8
POWDER RIVER	1307	1281	26	2.0
POWELL	2938	2800	138	4.7
PRAIRIE	910	884	26	2.9
RAVALLI	6646	6150	496	7.5
RICHLAND	4118	3971	147	3.6
ROOSEVELT	4136	3920	216	5.2
ROSEBUD	3238	3120	118	3.6
SANDERS	3372	3148	224	6.6
SHERIDAN	2432	2359	73	3.0
SILVER BOW	18001	17059	942	5.2
STILLWATER	1884	1815	69	3.7
SWEET GRASS	1704	1661	43	2.5
TETON	2756	2645	111	4.0
TOOLE	2624	2528	96	3.7
TREASURE	491	464	27	5.5
VALLEY	5344	5114	230	4.3
WHEATLAND	1286	1222	64	5.0
WIBAUX	695	659	36	5.2

1973 ANNUAL AVERAGES
CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
STATEWIDE	303186	288567	14619	4.8
CASCADE	31119	29336	1783	5.7
YELLOWSTONE	42582	40844	1738	4.1
BEAVERHEAD	3618	3502	116	3.2
BIG HORN	3865	3608	257	6.6
BLAINE	2619	2473	146	5.6
BROADWATER	1103	1063	40	3.6
CARBON	3102	2947	155	5.0
CARTER	963	936	27	2.8
CHOUTEAU	2920	2823	97	3.3
CUSTER	4901	4713	188	3.8
DANIELS	1280	1239	41	3.2
DAWSON	4979	4785	194	3.9
DEER LODGE	5751	5535	216	3.8
FALLON	1655	1614	41	2.5
FERGUS	5052	4826	226	4.5
FLATHEAD	16673	15505	1168	7.0
GALLATIN	16251	15693	558	3.4
GARFIELD	825	815	10	1.2
GLACIER	4427	4205	222	5.0
GOLDEN VALLEY	438	414	24	5.5
GRANITE	1147	1073	74	6.5
HILL	7527	7229	298	4.0
JEFFERSON	2002	1863	139	6.9
JUDITH BASIN	1178	1138	40	3.4
LAKE	6751	6385	366	5.4
LEWIS AND CLARK	17338	16590	748	4.3
LIBERTY	993	959	34	3.4
LINCOLN	6872	6240	632	9.2
MC CONE	1308	1275	33	2.5
MADISON	2324	2213	111	4.8
MEAGHER	970	931	39	4.0
MINERAL	1458	1348	110	7.5
MISSOULA	26419	25060	1359	5.1
MUSSELSHELL	1612	1558	54	3.3
PARK	5504	5204	300	5.5
PETROLEUM	310	295	15	4.8
PHILLIPS	2310	2196	114	4.9
PONDERA	2933	2774	159	5.4
POWDER RIVER	1177	1149	28	2.4
POWELL	2690	2558	132	4.9
PRAIRIE	864	837	27	3.1
RAVALLI	6128	5747	381	6.2
RICHLAND	3879	3731	148	3.8
ROOSEVELT	3951	3695	256	6.5
ROSEBUD	3155	3055	100	3.2
SANDERS	3215	3053	162	5.0
SHERIDAN	2292	2202	90	3.9
SILVER BOW	16975	16234	741	4.4
STILLWATER	1774	1699	75	4.2
SWEET GRASS	1622	1578	44	2.7
TETON	2544	2417	127	5.0
TOOLE	2490	2379	111	4.5
TREASURE	532	520	12	2.3
VALLEY	4939	4709	230	4.7
WHEATLAND	1232	1172	60	4.9
WIBAUX	653	627	26	4.0

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COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
BEAVERHEAD	4911	4770	141	2.9
BIG HORN	3396	3260	136	4.0
BLAINE	3359	3208	151	4.5
BROADWATER	1029	980	49	4.8
CARBON	2704	2601	103	3.8
CARTER	2040	1954	86	4.2
CASCADE	38896	37000	1896	4.9
CHOUTEAU	3329	3208	121	3.6
CUSTER	4704	4461	243	5.2
DANIELS	1180	1129	51	4.3
DAWSON	4759	4592	167	3.5
DEER LODGE	5366	5129	237	4.4
FALLON	1695	1646	49	2.9
FERGUS	4785	4574	211	4.4
FLATHEAD	13852	12697	1155	8.3
GALLATIN	15162	14713	449	3.0
GARFIELD	869	784	15	1.9
GLACIER	4056	3877	179	4.4
GOLDEN VALLEY	423	393	32	7.6
GRANITE	1073	997	76	7.1
HILL	7254	7001	253	3.5
JEFFERSON	1853	1741	112	6.0
JUDITH BASIN	1109	1066	43	3.9
LAKE	6361	6013	348	5.5
LEWIS AND CLARK	16912	16293	619	3.7
LIBERTY	967	929	38	3.9
LINCOLN	7282	6630	652	9.0
MCCONE	1185	1154	31	2.6
MADISON	2195	2092	103	4.7
MEAGHER	899	856	43	4.8
MINERAL	1457	1388	97	6.7
MISSOULA	25549	24446	1103	4.3
MUSSELSHELL	1541	1464	77	5.0
PARK	5025	4701	324	6.4
PETROLEUM	299	282	17	5.7
PHILLIPS	2212	2118	94	4.2
PONDERA	2930	2767	163	5.6
POWDER RIVER	1147	1122	25	2.2
POWELL	2669	2534	135	5.1
PRAIRIE	815	791	24	2.9
RAVALLI	5934	5544	390	6.6
RICHLAND	3758	3614	144	3.8
ROOSEVELT	3813	3639	174	4.6
ROSEBUD	2662	2577	85	3.2
SANDERS	3126	2963	163	5.2
SHERIDAN	2196	2116	80	3.6
SILVER BOW	16327	15577	750	4.6
STILLWATER	1757	1673	84	4.8
SWEET GRASS	1549	1512	37	2.4
TETON	2416	2291	125	5.2
TOOLE	2407	2269	138	5.7
TREASURE	448	437	11	2.5
VALLEY	4943	4750	193	3.9
WHEATLAND	1169	1093	76	6.5
WIBAUX	631	609	22	3.5

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COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
STATEWIDE	278513	265011	13502	4.8
CASCADE	30306	28823	1483	4.9
YELLOWSTONE	36503	34912	1591	4.4
BEAVERHEAD	3370	3242	128	3.8
BIG HORN	3759	3550	209	5.6
BLAINE	2420	2274	146	6.0
BROADWATER	1051	1023	28	2.7
CARBON	2731	2588	143	5.1
CARTER	366	349	17	4.6
CHOUTEAU	2756	2671	79	2.9
CUSTER	4754	4570	184	3.9
DANIELS	1192	1161	31	2.6
DAWSON	4548	4381	167	3.7
DEER LODGE	6051	5855	196	3.2
FALLON	1534	1536	48	3.0
FERGUS	4563	4673	190	3.9
FLATHEAD	14523	13614	1011	6.5
GALLATIN	14061	13659	402	2.9
GARFIELD	812	792	19	2.3
GLACIER	3980	3772	207	5.2
GOLDEN VALLEY	447	419	28	6.3
GRANITE	1083	978	105	9.7
HILL	6697	6434	263	3.9
JEFFERSON	1866	1784	82	4.4
JUDITH BASIN	1142	1106	36	3.2
LAKE	5491	5140	351	6.4
LEWIS AND CLARK	18122	17490	632	3.5
LIBERTY	980	949	31	3.2
LINCOLN	7176	6520	656	9.1
MC CONE	1253	1220	33	2.6
MADISON	2161	2033	128	5.9
MEAGHER	886	853	33	3.7
MINERAL	1363	1277	86	6.3
MISSOULA	23924	22896	1028	4.3
MUSSELSHELL	1527	1451	76	5.0
PARK	4964	4682	282	5.7
PETROLEUM	354	336	18	5.4
PHILLIPS	2161	2066	95	4.4
PONDERA	2502	2359	143	5.1
POWDER RIVER	1243	1219	24	1.9
POWELL	2562	2440	122	4.7
PRAIRIE	822	785	37	4.5
RAVALLI	5566	5186	380	6.8
RICHLAND	3512	3361	151	4.3
ROOSEVELT	3620	3484	136	3.8
ROSEBUD	2738	2657	81	3.0
SANDERS	2993	2828	165	5.5
SHERIDAN	2121	2039	82	3.9
SILVER BOW	16019	15018	1001	6.2
STILLWATER	1838	1733	105	5.7
SWEET GRASS	1524	1494	30	2.0
TETON	2593	2508	85	3.3
TOOLE	2463	2310	153	6.2
TREASURE	494	470	14	3.2
VALLEY	4459	4236	223	5.0
WHEATLAND	1177	1131	46	3.9
WIBAUX	605	585	20	3.3

1970 ANNUAL AVERAGES
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COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	PERCENT RATE
FLATHEAD	27302	26171	1130	4.1
CASCADE	28055	27470	1153	4.1
YELLOWSTONE	35295	33812	1483	4.2
BEAVERHEAD	3367	3257	110	3.3
BIG HORN	3604	3456	148	4.1
BLAINE	2467	2343	124	5.0
BROADWATER	1028	998	30	2.9
CARBON	2783	2646	137	4.9
CARTER	921	891	30	3.3
CHOUTEAU	2763	2735	28	1.0
CUSTER	4837	4684	153	3.2
DANIELS	1191	1155	36	3.0
DAWSON	4389	4252	137	3.1
DEER LODGE	5877	5734	143	2.4
FALLON	1611	1566	45	2.8
FERGUS	4367	4267	100	2.3
FLATHEAD	14209	13209	1000	7.0
GALLATIN	13689	13317	372	2.7
GARFIELD	828	816	12	1.4
GLACIER	4016	3785	231	5.8
GOLDEN VALLEY	463	438	25	5.4
GRANITE	1097	1029	68	6.2
HILL	6351	6291	260	4.1
JEFFERSON	1984	1897	87	4.4
JUDITH BASIN	1156	1133	23	2.0
LAKE	5144	4800	344	6.7
LEWIS AND CLARK	15765	15225	540	3.4
LIBERTY	990	957	33	3.3
LINCOLN	7275	6928	347	4.9
MCCONE	1263	1239	24	1.9
MADISON	2172	2063	109	5.0
MEAGHER	911	878	33	3.6
MINERAL	1283	1265	18	1.4
MISSOULA	23512	22398	1114	4.7
MUSSELSHELL	1519	1443	76	5.0
PARK	4837	4640	226	4.6
PETROLEUM	342	332	10	2.9
PHILLIPS	2195	2103	92	4.2
PONDERA	3324	3220	104	3.1
POWDER RIVER	1265	1247	18	1.4
POWELL	2510	2390	120	4.8
PRAIRIE	809	785	24	3.0
RAVALLI	5470	5101	369	6.7
RICHLAND	3616	3487	129	3.6
ROOSEVELT	3660	3447	213	5.8
ROSEBUD	2690	2608	82	3.1
SANDERS	2686	2556	130	4.8
SHERIDAN	2160	2088	72	3.3
SILVER BOW	15516	14904	612	3.9
STILLWATER	1766	1699	67	3.8
SWEET GRASS	1427	1407	20	1.4
TETON	2385	2319	66	2.8
TOOLE	2398	2299	99	4.1
TREASURE	441	427	14	3.2
VALLEY	4420	4245	175	4.0
WHEATLAND	1204	1166	38	3.2
WIBAUX	602	583	19	3.2

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS 1/	338.7	342.5	355.1	365.9	373.6	395.1	396.5	393.6	382.0	368.1	367.6	361.2	370.0
EMPLOYED PERSONS	312.1	316.8	328.6	344.5	354.9	371.4	375.0	373.4	363.9	350.8	346.4	338.1	348.0
Persons Employed in Agriculture	22.0	23.9	28.6	35.1	36.1	41.2	44.1	47.2	36.8	31.3	26.9	23.1	33.0
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	26.6	25.7	26.5	21.4	18.7	23.7	21.5	20.2	18.1	17.3	21.2	23.1	22.0
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted 2/	7.8	7.5	7.5	5.9	5.0	6.0	5.4	5.1	4.7	4.7	5.8	6.4	6.0
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted 2/	6.2	6.1	6.4	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.9	6.1	6.0
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS (Establishment Data) 3/	261.5	261.3	265.1	271.8	278.0	288.4	288.3	287.5	287.4	281.6	282.0	278.7	277.6
MANUFACTURING	25.2	25.0	24.8	24.7	25.5	26.6	7.6	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.1	26.7	26.2
Durable Goods	16.3	16.4	16.4	16.3	17.1	17.8	18.2	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.7	17.5	17.5
24 Lumber and Wood Products	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.6	10.5	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.7
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.2
Other Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.4
Non-Durable Goods	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.5	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.2	9.2	8.8
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.0
27 Printing and Publishing	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
MINING	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.5	6.7	7.2	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.6	7.7	6.9
10 Metal Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.1
12 - 14 Bitum Coal, Quarrying, Non-Metal Mining	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.0
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.8
14 Quarrying and Non-Metal Mining													
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.2	12.2	13.1	15.3	16.4	18.2	18.8	19.4	19.6	18.5	16.9	15.4	16.3
15 General Building Contractors	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.9	5.4	6.2	6.5	6.5	6.6	5.9	5.7	5.3	5.5
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.3	3.5	3.6	4.9	5.2	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.8	5.8	4.5	3.7	4.9
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.5	5.8	6.2	6.8	7.1	7.2	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	20.3	20.3	20.4	20.5	21.3	21.9	22.0	22.3	22.9	22.7	22.6	22.1	21.6
40 Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.8
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.8	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.6
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services..	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	65.6	65.4	67.3	69.8	71.9	73.8	73.7	74..	75.0	72.3	72.4	73.5	71.3
Wholesale Trade	15.6	15.5	15.7	16.3	16.4	16.6	16.5	16..	16.4	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.2
Retail Trade	49.9	49.9	51.5	53.6	55.5	57.2	57.2	58..	58.6	56.0	56.2	57.2	55.1
53 & 56 General Merchandise, Apparel, Accessories	8.0	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.1	8.6	8.8	8..	9.1	8.8	9.2	9.5	8.5
54 Food Stores	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.7	7..	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.4
55 Automotive Dealers	8.2	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.8	8..	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
58 Eating and Drinking Places	16.9	17.2	18.1	19.4	20.8	21.6	21.6	22..	22.3	20.3	20.1	20.5	20.1
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc..	9.8	9.9	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.5	10..	10.8	10.7	10.8	11.2	11.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8	11.9	12.2	12.2	12..	12.4	12.3	12.6	12.6	12..
SERVICES	49.0	49.1	49.6	51.1	51.2	53.8	54.0	54..	54.9	52.1	51.9	52.6	52.3
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.6	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.3	8.1	8.6	8..	8.2	6.6	6.2	6.5	6.9
72 Personal Services	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2..	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6
80 Medical and other Health Services	16.5	16.6	16.8	16.8	16.9	17.0	17.2	17..	17.3	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.0
Other Services	24.4	24.2	24.6	25.6	25.4	26.0	25.6	25..	26.7	25.6	26.1	26.3	25.6
GOVERNMENT	71.0	71.7	71.9	72.1	73.1	74.7	72.7	69..	68.4	69.2	70.9	69.2	71.2
91 Federal Government	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.5	13.7	14.7	14.4	15..	13.9	12.9	12.6	12.5	13.5
92 State Colleges and Universities	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.9	8.5	8.3	8.5	8..	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6
92 Other State Government	11.4	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.1	11.3	11.4	11..	11.0	10.7	10.7	10.8	11.1
93 Local Education	24.6	25.4	25.8	25.8	25.9	25.1	21.1	19..	20.7	25.5	24.5	24.3	23.8
93 Other Local Government	13.7	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.9	15.3	15.5	15..	14.3	13.6	14.7	13.4	14.2

1/ Estimates based on National Household Sample, Census and Other Realtionships; includes nonagricultural self-employed, unpaid family, and domestic workers.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1]	315.8	318.4	327.2	336.1	343.4	360.0	374.5	374.5	362.5	347.0	345.0	345.7	345.0
EMPLOYED PERSONS	290.3	292.9	301.9	313.8	323.1	338.5	343.2	353.7	343.3	327.8	323.7	323.7	323.0
Persons Employed in Agiculture	22.6	24.8	29.9	37.0	38.1	43.3	46.2	49.3	38.4	32.5	27.9	23.9	34.5
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	25.5	25.5	25.3	22.3	29.3	21.5	21.2	20.8	19.2	21.3	22.0	22.0	22.0
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2]	8.1	8.3	7.7	6.6	8.5	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.3	6.1	6.4	6.4	6.4
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2]	8.3	8.5	8.6	6.6	8.7	6.4	6.4	5.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.1	6.4
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS (Establishment Data)[3]	246.5	248.3	251.0	256.0	259.8	267.8	269.5	276.9	275.5	271.9	271.2	269.7	263.7
MANUFACTURING	23.9	24.0	23.6	24.0	24.1	24.7	24.1	24.8	24.7	24.4	24.3	23.7	24.2
Durable Goods	15.1	15.3	15.1	15.2	15.7	16.0	15.5	16.0	16.0	15.8	15.6	15.0	15.5
24 Lumber and Wood Products	9.1	9.2	8.8	8.9	9.1	9.5	10.0	9.8	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.3
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	2.3	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2
Other Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.5	3.0
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.7	8.4	8.7	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0
27 Printing and Publishing	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5
MINING	6.0	5.9	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.4	4.9	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.1
10 Metal Mining	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	.7	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.0
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Non-Metal Mining	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.5
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	10.8	11.5	12.5	14.7	15.5	16.4	17.7	18.5	18.6	18.2	17.9	15.3	16.6
15 General Building Contractors	3.8	4.0	4.2	5.2	5.6	6.2	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.1	5.7
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.5	2.9	3.5	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.5	3.4	4.6
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.3
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	19.6	19.6	19.6	19.9	20.0	20.3	20.7	20.7	20.6	20.4	20.4	20.7	20.2
40 Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.3
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.1
48 & 49 Comman., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.6	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.0	8.0	7.9	8.1	7.8
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	61.8	61.6	62.9	64.2	66.0	67.6	68.8	69.6	69.4	67.9	68.0	67.9	66.3
Wholesale Trade	14.9	14.9	15.1	15.4	15.7	15.9	16.0	16.3	16.6	16.5	16.8	16.5	15.9
Retail Trade	46.9	46.7	47.8	48.8	50.3	51.7	52.8	53.3	52.8	51.4	51.2	51.4	50.4
53 & 56 General Merchandise, Apparel, Accessories	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.3	9.3	9.1	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.9	8.1
54 Food Stores	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.0
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.8
58 Eating and Drinking Places	15.3	15.5	16.3	17.3	16.3	19.1	20.3	20.9	20.4	19.3	19.0	18.7	18.3
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	10.9	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.3	11.5	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	11.4
SERVICES	46.1	46.6	47.1	47.6	48.1	50.2	51.3	51.1	51.3	51.1	50.2	50.3	49.3
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.6	6.6	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.0	7.2	6.4
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.9	14.9	15.0	15.2	15.2	16.0	15.8	16.1	16.1	16.1	15.9	16.0	15.6
Other Services	23.7	24.1	24.4	24.6	24.8	25.1	25.4	25.0	25.2	25.0	24.7	24.5	24.8
GOVERNMENT	67.4	68.2	68.6	68.5	68.7	70.3	70.5	74.3	72.9	71.7	72.1	73.2	70.6
91 Federal Government	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.4	14.7	15.6	15.6	14.9	14.1	14.0	14.5	14.1
92 State Colleges and Universities	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.5	8.4	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9
92 Other State Government	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.1	10.7	11.3	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.1	10.4	11.3	11.1
93 Local Education	21.8	22.5	22.8	22.4	22.4	21.8	20.2	22.9	23.7	23.8	25.0	25.0	22.9
93 Other Local Government	12.6	12.5	12.6	12.8	13.4	14.6	14.6	15.2	13.9	13.7	13.7	13.5	13.6

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INDUSTRY	(In Thousands) JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	AVERAGE 1976
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1]	307.4	309.9	316.8	325.8	329.5	345.3	354.2	357.[illegible]	344.8	334.0	331.6	328.6	332.0
EMPLOYED PERSONS	283.0	286.0	294.1	306.7	312.9	324.0	334.6	338.5	328.0	317.1	312.1	307.1	312.0
Persons Employed in Agriculture	20.9	23.1	28.1	35.0	36.3	41.7	44.9	48.4	38.0	32.5	28.2	24.4	33.4
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	24.4	22.9	22.7	19.1	16.6	21.3	19.6	18.7	16.8	16.9	19.5	21.5	20.0
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2]	7.9	7.4	7.2	5.9	5.0	6.2	5.5	5.[illegible]	4.9	5.1	5.9	6.5	6.1
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2]	6.1	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.[illegible]	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.1
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS (Establishment Data)[2]	236.0	237.1	239.5	245.0	248.3	253.2	259.2	260.3	262.0	257.7	257.5	257.0	251.1
MANUFACTURING	22.5	22.4	22.1	22.6	22.7	23.7	24.7	25.1	25.0	25.0	24.5	24.2	23.7
Durable Goods	14.1	14.0	14.1	14.4	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.4	16.3	16.2	15.9	15.7	15.3
24 Lumber and Wood Products	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.4	9.1
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.0	8.2	7.9	8.4	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.4
20 Food and Kindred Products	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7
27 Printing and Publishing	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
MINING	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.1
10 Metal Mining	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
12 Bituminous Coal	.7	.7	.7	.7	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.1
14 Quarrying and Non-Metal Mining	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.8	.9	.8	.9	.8	.8	.7	.8
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	9.8	10.1	10.5	12.8	13.7	14.4	15.7	16.2	16.4	16.1	15.7	14.1	13.8
15 General Building Contractors	3.3	3.4	3.5	4.3	4.7	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.1	4.9
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.4	3.6	3.8
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.4	5.2
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	18.8	18.6	18.7	18.9	19.0	19.5	20.0	20.1	20.4	20.2	20.0	20.2	19.5
40 Railroad Transportation	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.1
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.0
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	58.4	58.2	59.3	61.4	62.8	64.4	67.1	67.9	67.2	65.0	65.5	66.6	63.7
Wholesale Trade	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.7	15.0	15.2	15.5	15.4	15.2	15.4	15.7	15.4	15.1
Retail Trade	44.2	43.9	44.9	46.7	47.8	49.2	51.6	52.5	52.0	49.6	49.8	51.1	48.6
53 & 56 General Merchandise, Apparel, Accessories	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.6	8.0	8.6	7.7
54 Food Stores	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	7.8	7.7	7.8	8.1	8.3	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3
58 Eating and Drinking Places	14.0	14.2	14.8	15.7	16.7	17.4	18.5	19.0	18.6	17.6	17.3	17.5	16.8
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	8.8	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.0	9.0	9.5	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7	10.2	9.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.6	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.0	11.0	11.1	10.8
SERVICES	45.2	45.7	46.4	48.8	46.9	48.2	49.7	50.2	50.6	48.3	47.7	48.0	47.8
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	6.8	7.5	7.8	7.3	5.8	5.5	5.7	6.1
72 Personal Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.2	14.3	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.9	15.2	15.3	15.5	15.3	15.3	15.4	14.9
Other Services	23.3	23.6	24.1	24.3	24.2	24.1	24.6	24.7	25.3	24.7	24.4	24.4	24.3
GOVERNMENT	64.7	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.9	66.5	64.6	63.3	64.8	65.8	66.9	66.6	65.7
91 Federal Government	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.3	13.8	14.4	14.4	14.7	13.9	13.3	13.5	13.1	13.7
92 State Colleges and Universities	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.2	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.1
92 Other State Government	10.2	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.5	10.4
93 Local Education	21.0	21.5	21.7	21.5	21.6	21.1	20.0	19.0	20.4	21.4	21.8	21.8	20.9
93 Other Local Government	11.4	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.6	10.5	10.4	11.1	11.8	11.9	12.0	11.6

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1/]	31.4	31.4	32.1	32.2	32.7	34.1	34.3	34.5	34.8	34.1	34.0	34.0	33.3
EMPLOYED PERSONS	29.0	29.3	29.9	30.3	30.8	32.0	32.2	32.4	32.7	31.9	32.0	31.7	31.2
Persons Employed in Agriculture	.9	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.1	.9	1.4
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	2.4	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.1
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2/]	*7.7*	*6.8*	*7.0*	*5.9*	*5.8*	*6.0*	*6.2*	*6.1*	*6.0*	*6.3*	*5.9*	*6.6*	*6.4*
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2/]	*6.5*	*6.1*	*6.2*	*6.0*	*6.4*	*5.4*	*6.3*	*6.7*	*6.8*	*6.9*	*6.3*	*6.7*	*6.4*
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS[3/]													
(Establishment Data)	*27.5*	*27.9*	*28.4*	*29.1*	*29.6*	*30.5*	*29.6*	*30.2*	*30.6*	*30.5*	*30.3*	*30.0*	*29.6*
Manufacturing	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.3*	*1.7*	*1.6*	*1.7*	*1.6*	*1.6*	*1.7*
Contract Construction	*1.6*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.2*	*2.2*	*2.2*	*2.1*	*2.1*	*1.8*	*2.0*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.8*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.7*	*8.7*	*8.8*	*9.4*	*9.7*	*9.9*	*10.1*	*10.1*	*10.2*	*10.1*	*10.2*	*10.2*	*9.7*
Wholesale Trade	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.7*	*2.8*	*2.7*	*2.8*	*2.7*	*2.8*	*2.8*	*2.8*	*2.9*	*2.7*
Retail Trade	*6.2*	*6.2*	*6.3*	*6.7*	*6.9*	*7.2*	*7.3*	*7.4*	*7.4*	*7.3*	*7.4*	*7.3*	*7.0*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*
Services and Mining	*6.1*	*6.2*	*6.3*	*6.3*	*6.3*	*6.5*	*6.5*	*6.7*	*6.5*	*6.6*	*6.6*	*6.6*	*6.4*
Government	*5.9*	*6.0*	*6.1*	*6.1*	*6.2*	*6.5*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*6.2*	*6.3*	*6.2*	*6.2*	*6.1*
Federal Government	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.1*	*2.2*	*2.2*	*2.2*	*2.2*	*2.2*	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.1*
State and Local Government	*3.9*	*4.0*	*4.1*	*4.0*	*4.0*	*4.3*	*3.6*	*3.6*	*4.0*	*4.2*	*4.1*	*4.1*	*4.0*

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VILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1/]	33.2	33.7	34.7	34.5	35.0	37.1	37.1	37.0	36.8	36.0	36.3	35.6	35.6
EMPLOYED PERSONS	30.4	31.0	32.1	32.5	33.1	34.3	34.8	34.7	34.5	33.9	33.6	32.8	33.2
Persons Employed in Agriculture	.9	.9	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.1	.9	1.3
UNEMPLOYMENT PERSONS	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.0	1.9	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.8	2.4
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2/]	*8.3*	*8.0*	*7.4*	*5.8*	*5.4*	*7.4*	*6.3*	*6.2*	*6.2*	*5.9*	*7.4*	*7.9*	*6.8*
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2/]	*7.1*	*7.3*	*6.7*	*6.5*	*8.6*	*6.8*	*6.4*	*6.7*	*7.0*	*6.4*	*7.7*	*8.0*	*6.8*
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOB[3/]													
Establishment Data	*28.5*	*28.7*	*29.3*	*29.4*	*29.8*	*30.7*	*31.1*	*31.2*	*31.4*	*30.9*	*30.6*	*30.3*	*30.2*
Manufacturing	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.8*
Contract Construction	*1.4*	*1.4*	*1.6*	*1.5*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*2.1*	*2.0*	*2.1*	*2.0*	*1.0*	*1.7*	*1.6*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*9.3*	*9.3*	*8.5*	*9.7*	*9.8*	*10.2*	*10.5*	*10.5*	*10.5*	*10.2*	*10.2*	*10.3*	*10.0*
Wholesale Trade	*2.5*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.5*	*2.7*	*2.7*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.7*	*2.7*	*2.6*
Retail Trade	*6.8*	*6.7*	*6.8*	*7.1*	*7.3*	*7.5*	*7.8*	*7.9*	*7.9*	*7.6*	*7.5*	*7.6*	*7.4*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*
Services and Mining	*6.2*	*6.3*	*6.4*	*6.4*	*6.5*	*6.4*	*6.6*	*6.7*	*6.7*	*6.6*	*6.6*	*6.5*	*6.5*
Government	*6.2*	*6.2*	*6.2*	*6.1*	*6.1*	*6.5*	*6.1*	*6.1*	*6.2*	*6.2*	*6.2*	*6.1*	*6.2*
Federal Government	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*2.1*	*2.1*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*2.0*
State and Local Government	*4.3*	*4.3*	*4.3*	*4.2*	*4.2*	*4.5*	*4.0*	*4.0*	*4.2*	*4.1*	*4.2*	*4.2*	*4.2*

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS[1]	48.0	48.2	49.0	49.4	50.0	51.7	51.9	52.6	52.9	51.6	52.0	52.7	50.8
EMPLOYED PERSONS	45.0	45.3	46.3	47.0	47.7	49.4	49.6	50.3	50.7	49.3	49.7	50.3	48.4
Persons Employed in Agriculture	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.6
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2]	6.2	6.0	5.6	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.8
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2]	5.0	5.1	4.8	5.0	5.5	3.9	4.6	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.8
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOBS[3]													
(Establishment Data)	40.5	40.9	41.6	42.3	42.6	43.0	43.4	43.7	44.9	44.8	44.7	44.2	43.1
Manufacturing	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.6
Contract Construction	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.7	2.8
Transportation and Public Utilites	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	13.2	13.2	13.6	13.8	13.8	14.1	14.0	14.5	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	14.2
Wholesale Trade	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.0
Retail Trade	8.6	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0
Services and Mining	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.3
Government	8.2	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.8	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5
Federal Government	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.8
State and Local Government	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.7

	1978 JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	1978 AVG.
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - PERSONS [1]	51.1	51.4	52.9	53.8	53.8	55.7	55.3	55.0	55.5	54.6	55.2	54.4	54.1
EMPLOYED PERSONS	48.0	48.5	49.7	51.5	51.7	53.0	53.0	52.7	53.4	52.8	52.6	51.7	51.6
Persons Employed in Agriculture	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.5
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS	3.1	2.9	3.2	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.6	2.7	2.5
Percent of Labor Force, Unadjusted[2]	6.1	5.6	6.1	4.3	3.8	4.8	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.2	4.8	4.9	4.6
Percent of Labor Force, Seasonally Adjusted[2]	5.0	4.8	5.4	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	3.8	5.2	4.9	4.6
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY JOB[3]													
Establishment Data	43.1	43.0	43.5	44.7	44.5	45.6	45.5	45.7	46.6	46.1	46.0	45.5	45.0
Manufacturing	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1
Contract Construction	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	14.5	14.4	14.6	15.1	15.1	15.4	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.7	15.9	16.0	15.2
Wholesale Trade	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.1
Retail Trade	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.6	10.7	10.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Services and Mining	8.6	8.6	8.9	9.3	9.2	9.3	8.4	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.2
Government	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.8	7.3	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.9
Federal Government	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
State and Local Government	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.3	5.8	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.4

1/ *Estimates based on National Household Sample, Census and Other Relationships; includes self-employed, unpaid family , and domestic workers.*
2/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) number.* *Revised to 1978 Benchmarks.*
3/ *1972 Standard Industrial Classification.*
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HOURS AND EARNINGS SERIES BY MONTHS

Average Hours and Earnings in Private Nonagricultural Industries 1970 (1)

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec	Avg.
TOTAL PRIVATE	$205.19	$209 10	$203.28	$207.77	$208.58	$216.58	$217.49	$214.68	$215.27	$218.40	$218.16	$217.56	$212.53
MANUFACTURING	322.77	323.79	324.00	323.04	328.94	343.54	330.03	338.35	328.75	337.42	355.18	341.01	333.49
Durable Goods	325.13	329.18	320.29	319.40	324.72	345.28	325.18	334.22	323.38	332.05	356.26	340.69	331.70
Primary Metal Industries	321.19	322.97	318.80	328.32	316.23	335.79	328.10	323.02	337.41	341.56	345.71	336.38	329.67
Nondurable Goods	318.38	312.42	332.21	330.81	340.69	338.86	342.27	350.83	341.14	350.24	351.53	341.48	337.45
Food and Kindred Products	265.41	254.04	287.29	270.73	267.44	270.95	280.90	284.20	273.62	270.82	270.09	280.45	273.06
MINING	371.13	336.15	363.65	372.75	374.22	373.57	377.31	381.78	411.77	436.49	423.65	434.73	387.56
Metal Mining	422.92	380.15	392.22	394.61	402.20	384.38	420.39	379.84	415.42	460.63	420.20	477.17	411.98
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	438.51	44b.88	414.59	406.55	388.51	386.63	373.11	367.80	354.45	367.74	355.98	339.35	388.02
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	298.69	297.66	297.36	305.34	298.29	300.24	304.29	311.53	319.28	311.66	312.94	321.62	306.45
Commun., Elec., Gas, San., Services	284.93	291.98	284.57	306.68	291.41	289.07	294.53	300.71	324.88	310.31	316.24	312.18	300.84
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	156.60	158.58	156.56	161.05	160.36	173.06	176.17	165.50	166.32	169.16	167.84	170.84	165.31
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	150.22	144.14	144.36	148.47	144.00	146.17	148.73	148.30	148.06	149.76	149.23	144.90	147.02
SERVICES	133.27	132.80	131.27	132.73	132.80	133.53	135.14	134.40	137.02	137.09	137.02	137.76	134.60

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

TOTAL PRIVATE	35.5	35.5	35.6	35.7	35.9	36.4	36.8	35.9	35.7	36.1	36.0	36.2	35.9
MANUFACTURING	43.5	43.0	43.2	42.9	43.8	44.5	41.1	42.4	41.3	41.3	43.0	42.1	42.7
Durable Goods	43.7	43.6	43.4	42.7	44.0	44.9	40.8	42.2	41.3	41.3	43.5	41.7	42.8
Primary Metal Industries	40.3	39.1	40.0	39.7	36.9	37.9	37.2	36.5	37.7	37.7	38.2	37.5	38.2
Nondurable Goods	43.2	41.6	42.7	43.3	43.4	43.5	42.1	43.1	41.4	41.4	41.7	42.9	42.5
Food and Kindred Prnducts	46.4	43.8	45.1	45.5	43.7	44.2	44.8	45.4	43.5	43.4	42.4	44.8	44.4
MINING	41.7	40.5	41.8	42.6	42.0	41.6	41.6	42.5	45.2	47.6	46.2	47.1	43.4
Metal Mining	41.1	40.1	39.9	39.9	40.1	36.4	39.4	35.8	38.5	41.8	38.2	43.3	39.5
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	32.7	32.5	31.6	34.6	34.2	34.8	35.1	34.6	33.0	34.4	34.0	33.8	33.8
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	41.6	41.0	41.3	42.0	41.2	41.7	40.9	41.1	41.9	40.9	40.8	41.5	41.3
Commun., Elec., Gas, San., Services	42.4	42.5	42.6	45.3	43.3	43.6	43.7	43.9	45.5	43.4	43.8	43.0	43.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	32.9	32.9	33.1	32.8	33.2	34.0	36.1	33.1	33.0	33.9	33.5	34.1	33.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	37.0	36.4	37.4	36.3	36.0	37.1	36.1	36.8	36.2	36.0	35.7	35.0	36.3
SERVICES	33.4	33.2	32.9	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.7	33.6	33.5	33.6	33.5	33.6	33.4

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS

TOTAL PRIVATE	$5.78	$5.89	$5.71	$5.82	$5.81	$5.95	$5.91	$5.98	$6.03	$6.05	$6.06	$6.01	$5.92
MANUFACTURING	7.42	7.53	7.50	7.53	7.51	7.72	8.03	7.98	7.96	8.17	8.26	8.10	7.81
Durable Goods	7.44	7.55	7.38	7.48	7.38	7.69	7.98	7.92	7.83	8.04	8.19	8.17	7.75
Primary Metal Industries	7.97	8.26	7.97	8.27	8.57	8.86	8.82	8.85	8.95	9.06	9.05	8.97	8.63
Nondurable Goods	7.37	7.51	7.78	7.64	7.85	7.79	8.13	8.14	8.24	8.46	8.43	7.96	7.94
Food and Kindred Products	5.72	5.80	6.37	5.95	6.12	6.13	6.27	6.26	6.29	6.24	6.37	6.26	6.15
MINING	8.90	8.30	8.70	8.75	8.91	8.98	9.07	8.92	9.11	9.17	9.17	9.23	8.93
Metal Mining	10.29	9.48	9.83	9.89	10.03	10.56	10.67	10.61	10.79	11.02	11.00	11.02	10.43
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.41	13.75	13.12	11.75	11.36	11.11	10.63	10.63	10.74	10.69	10.47	10.04	11.48
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.18	7.26	7.20	7.27	7.24	7.20	7.44	7.58	7.62	7.62	7.67	7.75	7.42
Commun., Elec., Gas, San., Services	6.72	6.87	6.68	6.77	6.73	6.63	6.74	6.85	7.14	7.15	7.22	7.26	6.90
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	4.76	4.82	4.73	4.91	4.83	5.09	4.88	5.00	5.04	4.99	5.01	5.01	4.92
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4.06	3.96	3.86	4.09	4.00	3.94	4.12	4.03	4.09	4.16	4.18	4.14	4.05
SERVICES	3.99	4.00	3.99	4.01	4.00	4.01	4.01	4.00	4.09	4.08	4.09	4.10	4.03

(1) *Based on reports from cooperating establishments, and covers both full and part-time production and related workers who worked during or received pay for any part of the weekly pay period including the 12th of each month. Figures are average of gross earnings including overtime and premium pay. Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969.*
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LABOR TURNOVER RATES FOR SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES 1978

(Per 100 Employees By Calendar Year)

MANUFACTURING

	1978 Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1978 Avg.
Total Acessions	2.4	1.8	2.9	3.3	3.8	6.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.6	.2	1.6	3.0
New Hires	1.3	1.2	1.6	2.1	3.0	5.4	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.2	.2	.1	2.2
Total Separations	3.5	2.4	3.0	2.6	4.4	3.6	2.6	3.7	5.2	2.2	.3	1.8	2.7
Quits	1.4	.8	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	2.5	4.2	1.5	.1	.9	1.6
Layoffs	1.2	1.3	1.3	.5	1.2	.8	.3	.5	.3	.3	.2	.3	.7

DURABLE GOODS

Total Accessions	2.6	2.4	3.6	3.3	3.4	6.4	3.7	3.4	2.7	2.0	1.0	1.4	3.0
New Hires	1.1	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.8	5.5	2.5	3.0	2.4	1.7	.8	.9	2.2
Total Separations	4.1	1.3	3.6	1.6	4.9	3.5	2.5	3.3	4.7	2.0	1.7	1.5	2.9
Quits	1.2	.7	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.6	2.1	3.8	1.7	.5	.8	1.5
Layoffs	1.9	.3	1.9	.1	.7	.8	.3	.5	.2	.1	.7	.3	.6

PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES

Total Accessions	.7	1.2	1.4	2.6	1.4	5.8	5.3	2.2	1.5	1.9	1.3	2.4	2.3
New Hires	0	1.2	.2	.1	0	4.4	1.4	1.8	1.1	1.2	.7	.9	1.1
Total Separations	4.2	.3	1.4	1.4	12.0	3.3	1.3	1.7	4.9	2.3	2.6	1.1	3.0
Quits	.3	.1	.4	.5	.4	.6	.8	1.1	3.2	1.2	.4	.4	.8
Layoffs	1.1	.0	.3	0	2.7	1.1	.2	.2	.5	.2	1.4	*	.6

NON-DURABLE GOODS

Total Accessions	2.0	.8	1.6	3.3	4.5	6.6	3.1	3.7	4.8	6.5	5.3	2.3	3.7
New Hires	1.6	.6	1.1	2.0	3.3	5.3	2.8	3.1	4.3	6.0	5.3	1.5	3.1
Total Separations	2.3	4.6	1.8	4.3	3.5	3.5	3.0	4.3	6.0	2.6	7.2	2.5	3.8
Quits	2.0	1.1	1.2	2.6	1.4	2.1	1.6	3.2	4.0	1.7	3.1	1.3	2.2
Layoffs	*	3.3	.2	1.3	2.1	.8	.2	.6	.6	.6	3.4	.4	1.1

MINING

Total Accessions	1.2	.2	8.7	5.2	4.1	11.5	6.0	4.9	5.3	5.0	3.4	2.2	4.8
New Hires	.8	0	7.7	3.0	3.0	4.8	5.3	4.5	3.4	4.1	2.5	1.8	3.4
Total Separations	3.3	2.7	1.1	.6	4.3	3.5	3.0	4.5	6.4	3.8	3.8	5.0	3.5
Quits	.8	1.0	.2	.2	4.0	2.5	1.0	3.1	5.4	2.8	3.1	2.6	2.2
Layoffs	1.4	.1	.1	.1	.1	*	1.0	.4	.6	.6	.1	1.3	.5

METAL MINING

Total Accessions	.9	.7	2.2	1.9	3.5	3.7	.9	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.7
New Hires	.1	0	.3	.1	.1	.2	.2	*	.2	0	0	.1	.1
Total Separations	5.6	2.9	2.4	.9	1.3	1.9	3.5	2.3	3.2	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.4
Quits	.1	.1	.4	0	.4	.3	.1	.4	.6	.4	.2	0	.2
Layoffs	4.3	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.1	.3	1.7	.4	.4	0	.7

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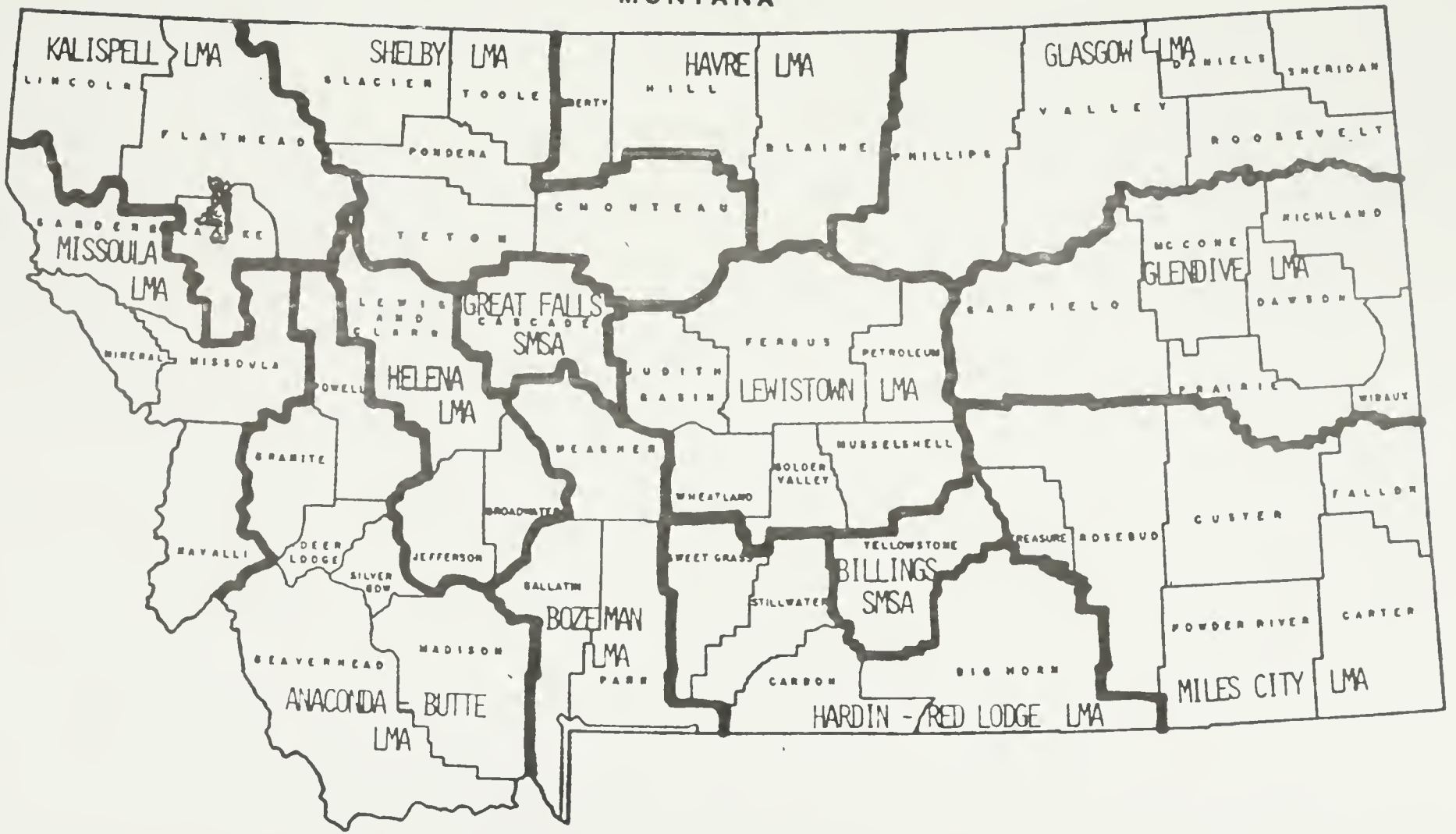

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